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FAIR WITH FRESH NORTH-WEST WINDS.

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THE WEATHER

Fair.

Fair weather is promised today and for tomorrow by the Washington weather man for Pittsburgh and vicinity. Yesterday's maximum temperature was 23 and the minimum was 11. There was .01 of an inch of snow yesterday. The sun rose cloudy at 7:19 and set cloudy at 4:34 yesterday. The daily report, furnished by the local weather office, follows:

Time.	Baro.	Tem.	Hum.	Wind.	Weather.
8 a. m.	30.22	16	66	N. W.	Snow
8 p. m.	30.16	22	78	N. W.	Snow

Comparative temperature and precipitation for December 16:

	1902	1901		1902	1901
Maximum	51	14	Mean	40	9
Minimum	30	4	Precipitation	.21	.00

Max. tem. 3:45 pm.	23	Exc. since Jan. 1	130
Min. tem. 4:00 am.	11	Nor. precip. 31 yrs.	.09
Mean temperature	17	Precip. for day	.01
Nor. tem. 31 yrs.	34	Dfcy. for day	.08
Dfcy. for day	17	Dfcy. since Dec. 1	1.27
Dfcy. since Dec. 1	123	Exc. since Jan. 1	2.19

Government Weather Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Forecast:

Western Pennsylvania—Fair Thursday and Friday; fresh northwest winds, becoming variable.

Ohio—Fair, continued cold Thursday. Friday, increasing cloudiness; variable winds.

West Virginia—Far Thursday and Frday.

Observations taken at weather bureau stations at 8 o'clock last night:

St. Louis	30	PtCldy	Indianapolis	24	Clear
Cairo	28	Clear	Kansas City	28	Clear
Chicago	14	Clear	Washington	28	Clear
New York	24	Clear	Omaha	24	Cloudy
Buffalo	20	Snow	Philadelphia	26	Clear
Louisville	32	Clear	New Orleans	56	Clear
Vicksburg	52	Clear	Marquette	16	Clear
Duluth	10	Clear	Cheyenne	38	Clear
St. Paul	10	Clear	Salt L. City	26	Cloudy
Bismarck	14	Cloudy	Denver	42	Clear

OCEAN INTELLIGENCE.

Sailed Dec. 16.

Liverpool—Cedric, for New York; Westernland, for Philadelphia.
Gibraltar—Prinz Adelbert, from Philadelphia (for Naples).
Antwerp—Switzerland, for Philadelphia.
Southampton—Saxonia, for Philadelphia; Kronprinz Wilhelm, for New York.

Arrived Dec. 16.

London—Mesaba, from New York; Lancastrian, from Boston.
Plymouth—Pretoria, from New York.
Hamburg—Denderah, from Tacoma.
Liverpool—Bavarian, from St. John.
Queenstown—Ivernia, from Boston.

TODAY'S AMUSEMENTS.

NIXON—Mrs. Leslie Carter in "Du Barry," 8:15 p. m.
ALVIN—"A Chinese Honeymoon," 8:15 p. m.
NEW GRAND—New stock company in "Mrs. Jack," 2 and 8 p. m.
AVENUE—15 big vaudeville acts in continuous performance, 1:30 to 10:30 p. m.
DUQUESNE—All-star vaudeville bill, 2 and 8 p. m.
BIJOU—"The Fatal Wedding," 8 p. m.
EMPIRE—"A Hot Old Time," 8:15 p. m.
ACADEMY—Harry Morris' "Night on Broadway," 2 and 8 p. m.
DUQUESNE GARDEN—Skating afternoon and evening. Hockey tonight, Victorias vs. P. A. C.
CARNEGIE INSTITUTE ART GALLERIES—Eighth annual exhibition of paintings, 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.
PITTSBURGH CARNEGIE MUSIC HALL—[illegible] Holmes' illustrated lecture, "Alaska [illegible] Klondike and Cape Nome," 8:15

RECIPROCITY BILL PASSES

The Senate Ratifies the Commercial Treaty With Cuba.

VOTE IS DECISIVE

Measure for a Reduction in Tariff Rates Carries by 57 to 18.

A DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

Washington, Dec. 16.—By the decisive vote of 57 to 18 the senate today passed the bill carrying into effect the reciprocity treaty with Cuba. The final vote came at the close of a day which was marked by a debate which while at all times animated was never acrimonious. The principal speeches were made by Mr. Spooner for the bill and by Mr. Bailey against it. Both senators were subjected to frequent interruptions.

The bill carries into execution the treaty between the United States and Cuba which was ratified last March. The treaty provides for a reduction of 20 per cent from the rates of duty under the Dingley law on all Cuban articles imported into the United States and a varying reduction of from 20 to 40 per cent from the established Cuban duty on articles imported into Cuba from the United States.

Mr. Bailey discussed at some length the attitude of the Democratic senators against the reciprocity provision of the McKinley law and the fact that the part had divided on this and other matters.

"But," he said, turning toward the Republican side, "you will hereafter get no senators' votes from the White House on this side of the chamber. You'll have to take care of yourselves in the future."

Democracy to Vote as a Unit.

This statement was accepted as a direct reference to the decision of the Democratic caucus to stand as a unit on all measures agreed upon by a two-thirds vote of the caucus and roused quick interest.

"Why?" asked Mr. Aldrich, and he asked the question two or three times before Mr. Bailey could reach the end of his sentence. While the query was being put and reiterated Mr. Bailey was proceeding to say that "When the reason was sufficient and White House measures were good they would get all the Democratic votes."

Then he made reply to Mr. Aldrich's request for an explanation of the reasons for the statement just made. The first thought evidently was that a sententious reply only was necessary. "The senator knows why," he said, and then after a moment's thought he repeated, "The senator knows," and added:

"In some way or another the Republican senators have been able to unite on measures without a party resolution and when a man bolted he was shot on the spot. They have carried party discipline to the point of abject submission: we have pursued our course to the point of insubordination. Now, I say, that in the future when your measures are right you will have the solid Democratic support; if not right, we will oppose you."

Should Vote as They Think.

He appealed to Mr. Spooner to know if that was not the correct position, but the Wisconsin senator replied in the negative, expressing the opinion that senators should vote as they think and not as two-thirds of their party caucus may direct. This expression of opinion brought out the statement from Mr. Bailey that this opinion had not been exemplified in Mr. Spooner's official life because he said there had been many instances in which Mr. Spooner had pointed out the obnoxious features of measures and afterward had voted for them.

Mr. Spooner replied by calling attention to his vote on the Hawaiian bill and the ship subsidy bill, but Mr. Bailey asserted that Mr. Spooner's party had always been able to secure his vote whenever needed to save a party measure. Mr. Bailey then entered on a defense of unity of action on party measures, calling attention to the party's long retention in power when united before the Civil war. "I have no patience with a Mugwump," he said, and added:

"When a man thinks he knows more

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BIG BREWING MERGER MADE

Duquesne Company Takes Over 15 Concerns Near Here.

JOHN BENZ PRESIDENT

Authorized Capital of $15,000,000, Not All of Which Will Be Issued at Present.

CAPACITY OF 520,000 BARRELS

By the terms of agreements which have just been closed 15 breweries are absorbed into the Duquesne Brewing Company, forming one of the largest brewing concerns in the United States. The authorized capital of the greater Duquesne Brewing Company is $15,000,000. At present $4,600,000 preferred and $4,600,000 common stock will be issued with $3,825,000 bonds. John Benz, president of the Duquesne Brewing Company, will remain as president of the enlarged company.

Among the breweries which enter the new company are D. Lutz & Son, Allegheny; the American of Millvale, the Hilltop, the Chartiers Valley of Carnegie, the Elk, the Anchor, the Anton, the Butler of Butler, and the Enderton.

The success of the promotion of the company has been marked, the stock being oversubscribed by a large amount.

JOHN BENZ.
President of the Greater Duquesne Brewing Company.

The negotiations leading up to the close of the deal were conducted by John P. Persch of New York, and a New York banker will be elected to the board when the negotiations are completed.

Capital to back the new enterprise is almost entirely local. The plan was carried through, however, without need of enlistment of a bank or other financial institution in the underwriting.

In selecting the companies which are to constitute the combination only those were taken which were shown to be making money at present. The promoters had options on some other properties which were finally not taken.

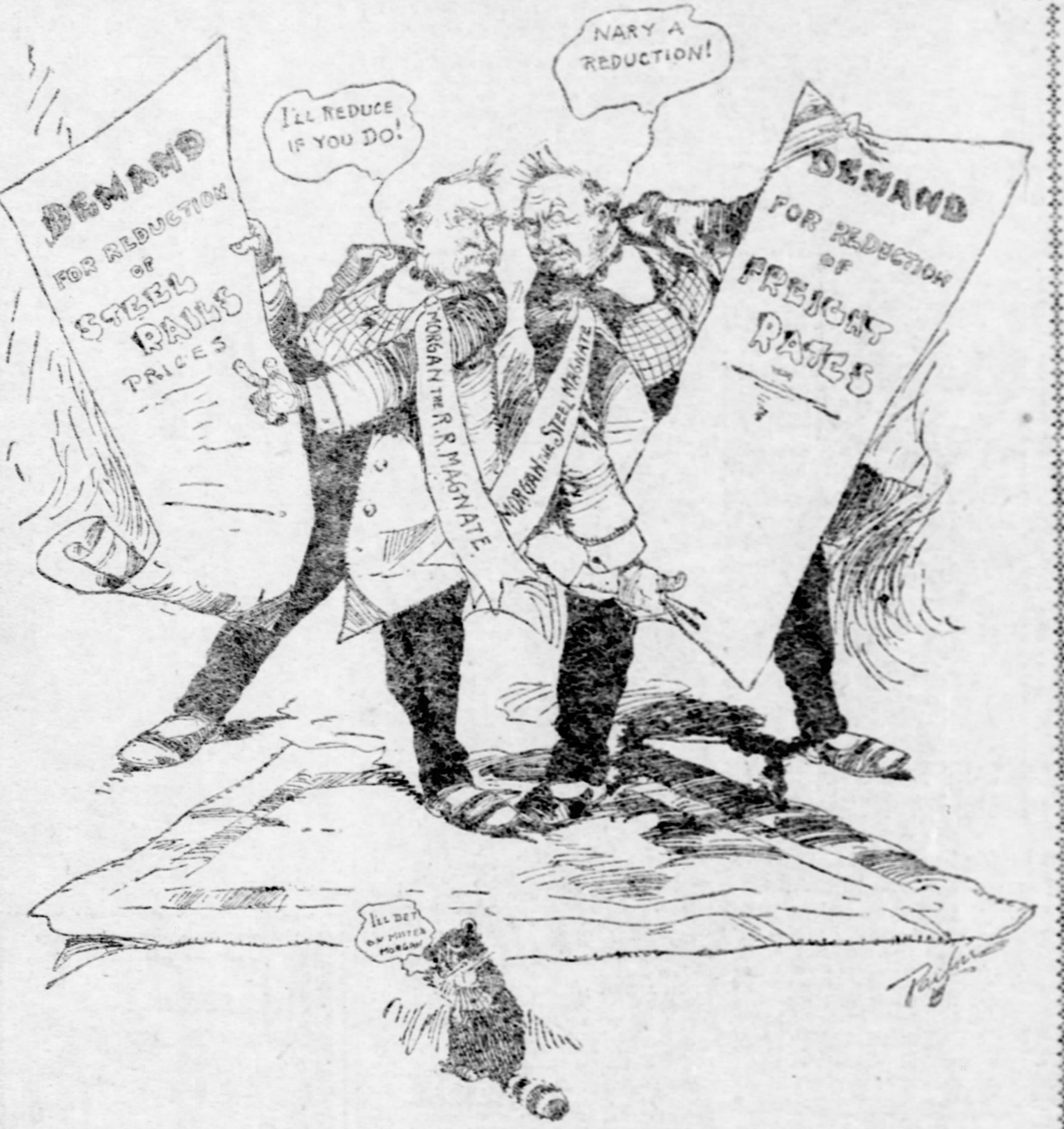
The capacity of the breweries will be upward of 520,000 barrels yearly. It is estimated that this, based on present earnings, means that after 6 per cent has been paid on the bonds and 7 per cent on the preferred stock there will be left 6 per cent for the common stock.

While the papers are signed and the agreements made that insure the plan being successful, many of the details yet remain to be worked out. It has not been announced who will constitute the board of directors nor has the full list of executive officers been named.

From the fact that each brewery that has been admitted into the combination is a paying enterprise, it is not believed now that the merger of all into one company will mean the closing of any of the plants.

TAFT AGREES TO PURCHASE LANDS OF THE FRIARS

MANILA, Dec. 16.—An agreement has been reached between Gen. Taft and the friars by which the United States will acquire the friar lands for the sum of $7,210,000 gold.



DEMAND FOR REDUCTION OF STEEL RAILS PRICES
I'LL REDUCE IF YOU DO!
MORGAN THE R.R. MAGNATE
MORGAN THE STEEL MAGNATE
NARY A REDUCTION!
DEMAND FOR REDUCTION OF FREIGHT RATES
I'LL BET ON MISTER MORGAN

Deadlocked.

RAINEY'S REDUCTION NOTICES TORN DOWN

Prominent Coke Operating Concern Surprises the Connellsville Region by Apparent Rescinding of Its Former Action.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CONNELLSVILLE, PA., Dec. 16.—A remarkable development today following the announced wage reduction of the H. C. Frick Coke Company was the tearing down of notices of a similar character by W. J. Rainey & Co., the largest independent coke producers in the Connellsville region. A few hours after the Frick company notices were posted similar notices appeared at the Rainey plants.

This morning the workmen at these plants were mystified to notice that the wage reduction notice had disappeared. A number of superintendents and officials of the company were asked regarding the removal of the signs this afternoon, and all made the same reply: "We do not know if there will be a reduction of wages by the Rainey company." Inquiry at the Rainey offices here developed the fact that T. J. Mitchell, general manager of the company, had been in New York for several days consulting with his superiors, and it was plainly evident that the order to take down the wage reduction notices came from that city.

The Raineys have many times been reported to have allied their interests with the United States Steel Corporation, and only recently did dispatches from New York state that the Raineys would enter a pool for maintaining prices, a hitherto unheard-of movement on their part. The Raineys have for years sold their coke at their own prices regardless of others.

It is known that the many superintendents in the region protested against the reduction and deemed it an unwise policy. The first day under the new schedule finds many of the workmen sullen but silent. The Raineys, seeing the effect of the slaughter of wages, evidently changed their mind as to going in with the corporation, and, looking ahead, feared that a general strike would result.

DIXIE LANDS MARINES ON ISTHMUS OF PANAMA

Provisional Junta of New Republic Preparing for First Election.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]
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PANAMA, Dec. 16.—With the view of maintaining good feeling during the elections on the isthmus, the provisional junta has issued an address to the nation signed by Messrs. Boyd, Arias and Arango. The address asks for the tolerance and general good feeling which has existed upon the isthmus since the date of the rebellion, and cautions the people to hold steadfast to their patriotic principles through the exciting times of the forthcoming election.

COLON, Dec. 16.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Dixie is still alongside the dock here, landing stores and camp material. She disembarked her marines, numbering 339, this morning. They all left by train for Empire station, near Panama, where they will be quartered in the canal company's houses. Sixteen machine guns and six automatic guns accompanied the marines. The Dixie will sail for Philadelphia tonight.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Brig.-Gen. George E. Elliott, commandant of the marine corps, may be ordered to the isthmus to make a reconnoitre of the country and, should the situation demand, to assume command of the marine forces there. The matter has not yet been decided, but it was said by a high official of the navy department today that the subject was receiving serious consideration.

A big expressman brought the Hay-Bunau-Varilla canal treaty, inclosed in a large steel box, to the state department today and deposited it in the office of Chief Clerk Michael. The expressman also had two tin-bound boxes which contained keys to the big steel box and to the smaller box contained within, enclosing the treaty. The various boxes were prettily sealed with red and blue silk ribbon, with a tag bearing an address to Minister Bunau-Varilla, care of John Hay, secretary of state. The Panama minister is expected to arrive in Washington from New York in a day or two, and the packages will be held subject to his order.

CROATIAN PRISONERS WILL BE LANDED TODAY

Detective Egan in New York to Meet McQuaide With Alleged Murderers.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Detective James Eagan of Pittsburgh arrived in New York this morning to meet Chief of Detectives McQuaide and Detective Kelly, who are returning from London with the two Croatians who are charged with the murder of Contractor Ferguson near West Middletown, Pa. The Teutonic, on which are the Pittsburgh officers, passed Nantucket at 6:10 o'clock this evening, as reported by wireless telegraph. The liner is nearly 24 hours behind time, the delay having been caused by the heavy ocean storms which have bothered all the incoming ships the last week.

Detective Eagan spent the day looking around well-known places, and in the course of the afternoon dropped into the Metropolitan bar, which is the hangout of all sorts of gentry who "live by their wits," sports, and some who are not quite sports. One after another well-dressed man touched his hat to the Pittsburgh officer with a "Good afternoon, Mr. Eagan," or, "Have a drink, Mr. Eagan?"

"That's the biggest bunch of thieves I've seen in many a day," said Eagan, as he walked out. "There were at least 15 men in that room who have at one time or another been given hours to leave Pittsburgh."

The Teutonic will probably reach her pier shortly before noon tomorrow and Detective Eagan expects that the officers and their prisoners will reach Pittsburgh on Friday morning.

FRANK A. PARKER.

ARE MAKING PROGRESS.

Committee on Presbyterian Forms of Service Hears Reports on the Work.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 16.—The Rev. Dr. J. H. Vandyke, chairman of the committee of forms of the service in the Presbyterian church, in speaking of the work of the committee which has been in session in New York since Monday, said tonight that progress had been made in the work.

The sub-committees had made their reports to the general committee which, after reviewing them, had recommitted them to the sub-committees. The general committee will meet again during the third week in January in Philadelphia.

MOTHER'S LIFE GIVEN IN VAIN TO SAVE CHILDREN

While Father Was at Early Mass His Wife, Son and Daughter Were Burned to Death at Their Home.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

JOHNSTOWN, PA., Dec. 16.—While James Crosby, a machinist of the Cambria Steel Company, was at worship in the St. Columbus Roman Catholic church early this morning, his wife and two of his children were burned to death in the destruction of his home. The dead:

MRS. MARY JANE GLACKEN CROSBY, wife of James Crosby.
JAMES CROSBY, JR., aged 16.
GRACE CROSBY, aged 11.

Crosby was working on night turn, and after leaving the steel company's plant went to the church for his morning devotions. Meanwhile his wife and his eldest daughter, Miss Loretta Crosby, aged 20, had arisen at 5 o'clock and were preparing breakfast. They were about to sit down to the table when they discovered the interior of the little kitchen was ablaze. The house was a two-story structure with two rooms on the first floor and three bedrooms on the second floor.

James Crosby, Jr., the son, was asleep in the middle room and Grace in the rear room of the second floor. When the blaze was discovered Mrs. Crosby's first thought was for her sleeping children upstairs. She sent Loretto out through the front door to raise the alarm while she started upstairs to awaken her son and the younger daughter. After going to the front of the building, Miss Crosby ran around to the rear and alarmed an aunt and uncle, who reside in a little house there.

Upon her return she was horrified to find that her mother and the two children had not emerged from the burning house. She dashed through the line of spectators and attempted to enter the building, but was prevented by Firemen Francis Luckey and George Witt, who had reached the scene.

"My mother, brother and sister are in there, and I want to save them," cried Miss Crosby.

The firemen repeatedly attempted to rescue the mother and children, but were driven back at every attempt by the smoke and flames. The bodies were recovered only before they were reduced to ashes.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY IN A BASEMENT POOL ROOM

Angry Man With Revolver Killed Woman and Wounded His Brother-in-Law.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—A man named "Nick" Myo, proprietor of a poolroom in the basement of a building at Ninth and Christian streets, ran amuck with a revolver this afternoon. He shot and killed Tony Lester and Mrs. Mary Ann Matzi, wounded his own brother-in-law and tried to kill a policeman.

Myo was playing pool with Lester, his brother-in-law, and two other men. Something said angered him. He drew a revolver, shot Lester through the head and turned against the brother-in-law, who had tried to disarm him. The bullet flew downward and went through the brother-in-law's wrist. Mrs. Mary Ann Matzi, who was the owner of the house, heard the noise. She ran into the room.

Lester was lying on the floor and his brother-in-law was leaning against the table, holding his injured wrist and crying with pain. Mrs. Matzi, highly excited, rushed toward Myo, who, seemingly crazed, fired at her. The bullet entered her left breast and she died in a few minutes.

A policeman who descended into the cellar was driven back by Myo, who fired a shot at him. Late this afternoon three arrests were made. The police took Myo, Louis and Angelo Lester, brothers of Tony Lester, who was killed, as witnesses.

CHESTER D. POTTER.

ORDER FROM ARABIA TO STEEL CORPORATION

Structural Pool Meets, But Does Not Announce Price Reduction.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The United States Steel Corporation today secured a large order for rails for a railroad in Arabia at about $23 a ton. The structural steel pool met today at the Holland house in this city, and, although strong influence was brought to bear toward a reduction in prices, no official statement was made of a reduction. The pool adjourned to Atlantic City July 1.

The sheet pool meets tomorrow. The billet pool also meets this week and is expected to reduce the rate from $23 to $21 a ton.

The steel rate committee of railroads east of the Mississippi today reduced the basing rate from Pittsburgh and Buffalo to New York, New England and Philadelphia 30 per cent, making it $2.70. This takes effect January 1 and is believed to be the outcome of definite assurances that the price of steel rails will be cut.

APPEAL GETS QUICK REPLY

Money Pours in to Butler's Aid from All Directions.

TWO MORE VICTIMS

Noted Expert Reports Typhoid Scourge Is Not Yet at Worst Stage.

CLARA BARTON'S STATEMENT

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

Butler, Pa., Dec. 16.—Two deaths and five new cases was today's record of typhoid scourge. The dead are:

CHARLES C. M'CALL, aged 28, resident of Butler past year; born in Pittsburgh. Survived by wife and two children.
JOHN VICKLES SEIBERT, aged 2, only son of George Seibert. Father critically ill with fever.

Dr. George A. Soper, a sanitary expert of New York, engaged by the Engineering News to investigate the epidemic here and its causes, will report that the epidemic has by no means attained its culmination, about 50 per cent of the cases not having reached the critical stage.

The epidemic he attributes to the suspension of the filtration of the city water supply. The report says that the water for the town is obtained from surface sources, and is usually treated by filtration, but that during changes in the water works plant unfiltered water from Conoquenessing creek was supplied from October 20 to November 2, the epidemic starting on November 5. In three weeks there were 1,000 cases and 61 deaths had been reported.

Quick Responses to Appeal.

Responses to the relief committee's call for aid, which was issued to the public last night, are coming in rapidly. Treasurer Thomas Shufflin is kept busy making a record of the contributions received. This evening he handed in a check for over $1,000 while the total received today will probably amount to twice that sum. If last night's appeal had not been issued the committee's funds would have been exhausted within nine days. The total expense for nurses wages alone up to the end of this week will amount to $6,000.

A number of additional nurses have arrived during the last two days and have been put to work. One of them, Mrs. Dowe, of Wilkinsburg, arrived this evening and was sent to assist in nursing a family consisting of a father, mother, and two children, all of whom are down with the fever. One nurse, Mrs. Bresnehan, of Canada, had been on duty in the house for four weeks and was almost completely exhausted. She had been assisted by the father until he himself became ill last week.

The ward relief committee and the ladies' auxiliary are to meet jointly in the Second Presbyterian church at 10 o'clock Friday morning, to review the work done and make improvements in the system if possible.

Contributions from All Points.

Among the latest contributions are Elks of Dubois, $100; employes of A. L. Allen, Philadelphia, $20; Dayton, O., $50; Fire association of Philadelphia, $100; Aetna Insurance Company of Hartford, $100; Hall & Company, Jamestown, $25; Godfrey L. Cabot, Boston, $50; an unknown friend in Ben Avon, $50; Harrisburg, Pa., $428.50; M. Lans & Sons, Pittsburgh, $25; Protected Home Circle, Petrolia, $25; Rosenwald & Weil, Chicago, $25; Times Publishing Company, Warren, Pa., $38.38; Knights of Pythias, New Castle, $25.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Clara Barton, president of the National Red Cross, has just returned from Butler, Pa., said today that she found conditions there most distressing, but declared that the society would not at present make an appeal for funds.

"Unable to judge of the seriousness of the situation at Butler," continued Miss Barton, "because of conflicting rumors of the typhoid epidemic, accompanied by members of my staff, I made a personal visit to the scene. We found in Butler, a town of 18,000 inhabitants, almost as many hundreds of patients in all stages of typhoid fever, a few cases convalescing, and an average of 12 new cases per day.

More Money Needed.

"The hospital are nearly full, but most of the patients are being treated at their homes. In some cases as many as six members of the family are prostrated. The patients are attended in most part by trained nurses from such large cities as Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Rochester, more than 200 in all.

"Investigation shows that at least $75,000 more than is now in hand will be required for the relief before the epidemic is over. This money cannot be obtained from the town and must be looked for in voluntary subscriptions from the outside public."

HANNA SAYS HE IS NOT A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

In Reply to a Letter from Gen. Drake, the Senator Says His Only Desire Is to Serve His Party and Not Personal Ambition.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 16.—In reply to a letter from Gen. J. Madison Drake, of this city, Senator Marcus A. Hanna has sent to the general an expression of his unwillingness to be considered a presidential candidate. This is set forth in the following communication, which has been received by the doughty commander of the Veteran Zouaves of this city:

"United States Senate,
"Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.
"Gen. Madison Drake, Elizabeth, N. J.:

"My Dear Sir,—I have read with interest your kind letter of the 8th instant, and assure you of my sincere appreciation of the sentiments expressed in the same, and of your regard and confidence in me.

"Such suggestions as you make with reference to next year are, of course, highly complimentary, but my position on this subject is well defined and well known. I have no personal ambition to serve, and cannot be considered in any sense a candidate for the presidential nomination. My only desire is to serve the party to the extent of my ability.

"Again thanking you for your kindness, I remain,
"Truly yours,
"M. A. HANNA."

INVESTIGATORS ARE BAFFLED

Cannot Get at Real Facts in Alleged Postoffice Frauds.

HEATH AN EXAMPLE

His "Insufficient" Answer Gives Cue to Others Under Inspection.

REPORT ON TULLOCH CHARGES

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

Washington, Dec. 16.—The report of Messrs Conrad and Bonaparte on the charges made by S. W. Tulloch, formerly cashier of the Washington city postoffice, against the administration of this office, was made public today. Under instructions from the president, the report views the Tulloch charges "from a legal standpoint." The report begins with a brief history and nature of the Tulloch charges, and then makes the following "preliminary observations" concerning them:

No improper official act on the part of any public officer or employe is alleged, which did not occur more than three years before July 11, 1900, and as all possible prosecutions are barred, we are led, therefore, to interpret our instructions to report on these matters "from a legal standpoint," in a broader sense than we might otherwise venture to ascribe to them, and understand that our views are desired as to the legal propriety of the official action disclosed and not merely whether it may or may not have been criminal. The "Tulloch charges" have never been, properly speaking, "investigated" at all. We have been repeatedly confronted in our inquiry with an assertion on the one side and a denial on the other as to a question of fact, with no sufficient means at our command to determine which statement we could advise you to believe.

Charges Are Evaded.

The tendency to evade answering these charges, evinced by those replying to the postmaster general's request for such answers, the report says, is illustrated very forcibly by the charges against Perry S. Heath, former assistant postmaster general, which have been heretofore made public, and his answers to them. "We consider this answer," it continues, "altogether insufficient, and no less unsatisfactory in substance than in form."

Continuing, the report says the revision of Postmaster Willett's account of itself is sufficient to show that Mr. Heath's official record is not so clear as to defy suspicion. It adds:

"Moreover, the 'confidential report' of Inspector-in-Charge Smith, and the 'special report' of Inspector Little, tend so strongly to sustain some of the most serious charges made by Mr. Tulloch against Mr. Heath that it is quite impossible to dispose of these charges by calling them 'lies out of the whole cloth,' especially when we remember that the 'confidential report' is signed by Inspector Smith to set forth irregularities discovered by himself, and that the 'special report' was prepared a whole year after Mr. Tulloch had left the office.

"The reasonable inference to be drawn from Mr. Heath's complete failure to meet fully and explicitly accusations which, as Postmaster General Payne justly admonished him, 'charged him with many acts of doubtful propriety,' added to the facts appearing from the record evidence laid before us, oblige us to say that at least a strong prima facie case is presented of willful reckless disregard by the late first assistant postmaster general of obligations imposed on him by the regulations of his own department, as well as by the statutes of the United States; and we feel it our duty to add that suspicion of his personal integrity must be inevitably aroused in our judgment by an impartial consideration of the facts submitted to us and of his plainly inadequate explanations."

Placing the Responsibility.

The report takes up in detail the charges of improper appointments of subordinates and improper disbursements of public funds, as contained in the Tulloch charges, and after analysis, concludes:

"So far as is indicated by the papers submitted to us, the persons directly responsible for these fraudulent employments were Messrs. Perry S. Heath and George W. Beavers, neither of whom is now in the public service. It seems clear, however, that this responsibility extends in some measure to the late postmaster general, who appears to have at least tolerated the practice after notice of its existence, and to the late and the present postmasters at Washington, each of whom appears to have accepted the transfer to his office of a number of persons thus employed, without, so far as is known, any protest or exposure, facts substantially admitted as to himself in Mr. Merritt's letter of June 29."

The improper disbursement of public funds receives considerable space in the report, and in this connection Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte go somewhat outside of the Tulloch charges and comment on a special report under date of May 28 last by Inspector Crowell, which relates how George W. Beavers received $1,164 "for expenses in assisting special attorneys in the court of claims." It is stated, through a review of a statement on the subject by Auditor Castle, that Mr. Beavers had been promised a raise in salary, as head of the salary and allowance division, and that Postmaster Vancott, at New York, was instructed by a letter signed by acting First Assistant Postmaster General George M. Allen, the latter being countersigned "A. W. M.," to pay Mr. Beavers an allowance of $4 a day from July 1, 1898. When the inspector reported on this matter, after the sum stated had been paid, the explanation referred to by Mr. Castle was made and the payment immediately stopped.

Must Have Known Facts.

Touching the administration of former Auditor Castle, the report says:

"We might give further illustrations of the auditor's apparent readiness to disregard the usual safeguards against unauthorized expenditures, but this is needless, because the same, in our judgment, regrettable disposition was shown in matters far more serious. We have already seen that he not only passed the accounts for the 'cleaners' or 'charwomen' and of the 'assistants' in passing on overtime claims, the scope and character of whose services the inspectors could not find out from the postmaster or any one else [illegible] to these it is possible, although hardly probable, that he may have been misled, but actually allowed Mr. Beavers the illegal and fraudulent claim for 'expenses,' which, as Mr. Castle's own memorandum says, 'really constituted salary,' the salary of an office which Beavers did not and could not legally hold, and which no one, not even the president, could have promised him so as to bind the United States, either legally or morally, to keep the promise. We find it impossible to doubt that Mr. Heath, Mr. Vancott and Mr. Beavers himself all knew the payment of this additional compensation was expressly forbidden by law, and that it was called 'expenses' to evade this prohibition."

Abuses Are Revealed.

The summary and conclusions of the report are as follows:

"As a result of our inquiry into the 'Tulloch charges,' and of the considerations hereinbefore set forth, we have the honor to report that, in our judgment:

"First, the discussion of the 'Tulloch charges' has revealed the existence of deplorable and grossly discreditable abuses during the years 1898, 1899 and 1900 in the Washington postoffice and the office of the first assistant postmaster general.

"Second, these abuses involved conduct on the part of various public officials which was certainly often illegal and may have been sometimes criminal, but such offenses, if committed, were in all cases committed more than three years before we were ordered to investigate the charges, and, so far as we are clearly informed, more than three years before Mr. Tulloch's interview of May 1 last.

Third—The evidence laid before us suggests the possibility, and even probability, but does not prove that abuses may have continued, both in the department and in the postoffice, subsequent to the early summer of 1900 when we lose sight of them, and that in connection therewith criminal acts may have been committed within the period of limitations.

Fourth—The report of Inspector Crowell and the facts relating to the claim of George W. Beavers, above set forth, indicate the possibility that similar conditions may have existed both within and beyond the period of limitations in the New York postoffice.

Heath Apparently Responsible.

Fifth—The persons primarily responsible for the above mentioned abuses and the resulting scandals appear to have been Perry S. Heath, then first assistant postmaster general, and George W. Beavers, then chief of the salaries and allowance division, neither of whom is now in the service of the United States.

Sixth—Charles Emory Smith, late postmaster general; James P. Willett, late postmaster of Washington, now deceased; John A. Merritt, his successor in the said office and its incumbent; Robert J. Tracewell, comptroller, and Henry A. Castle, auditor for the postoffice department, all appear to have shared, in some measure, their responsibilities; the late postmaster general for his seeming failure, notwithstanding repeated warnings, to appreciate the gravity of their misconduct and the consequent necessity for its prompt and adequate punishment; the two postmasters for toleration of these abuses and obedience to plainly improper orders without exposure or, apparently, protest, and the auditor and comptroller for acting upon lax and arbitrary principles in the administration of their respective offices whereby the payment of illegal and seemingly fraudulent claims by the treasury was rendered possible.

Seventh—The employment of subordinates in postoffices about to become classified for the purpose of thus securing their admission without examination into the classified service was a practice in frauden legis, and officials guilty of it thereby established their own unfitness for public employment.

Eighth—The employment of so-called "laborers" to do "classified" work was clearly illegal and, under the express directions of the civil service rules, to be punished by dismissal from office.

Conspiracy to Defraud.

Ninth—An agreement by any public officer with any person, whether in or out of the public service at the time that the latter shall receive the emoluments of public employment under pretense of being employed without rendering any services to the government, constitutes a conspiracy to defraud the United States, and, if followed by any overt act tending to its accomplishment by any of the parties, renders all of them responsible under the terms of the United States Revised Statutes, section 5440.

Tenth—The detail of Thomas W. Gilmer to different work of a lower grade and a reduced compensation by F. A. Vanderlip, then acting secretary of the treasury, under all the circumstances attending it, was apparently unjust and oppressive and certainly disastrous to the public interest, since it would be generally and naturally understood by those cognizant of it as a punishment inflicted on a faithful public servant who had, by the honest discharge of his duties, incurred the enmity of active and influential politicians. It seems to have been preceded by no sufficient inquiry on the part of the acting secretary, Vanderlip, and would render proper an investigation of the latter's conduct were he still in the public service.

Eleventh—While we express no opinion as to the propriety of Seymour W. Tulloch's removal from the office of cashier by Postmaster Merritt, the precipitancy and discourtesy shown by the latter in effecting this removal seem to have been without justification and tend to cast grave doubt upon the good faith of his explanations of the removal itself, and his course was clearly regrettable in the public interest as leading naturally to the belief that the cashier had been in fact removed for his failure to comply with irregular and even illegal demands upon the funds in his custody.

Needs More Investigation.

We very respectfully recommend:

First—That a thorough investigation be ordered, if it has not been already ordered, (a) of the administration of the Washington postoffice, (b) of the administration of the New York postoffice and (c) of the administration of the office of the first assistant postmaster general within the past three years. It is probable that this recommendation has already in great part and perhaps altogether anticipated by the action of the present postmaster general; but as we are not at the moment of preparing this report fully informed as to the scope of the departmental inquiry, now for several months in progress under his orders, we venture to submit it. We have been very favorably impressed by the zeal, fidelity and intelligence of the postoffice inspectors, and deem them fully competent, under the supervision of the fourth assistant postmaster general, to conduct such an investigation as is here suggested.

Second—That a carefully chosen small commission be appointed by the president to report a plan whereby the work of the offices of the comptroller and of the several auditors may be removed from all political, personal or other extraneous influences, the officials therein employed protected from injury through the enmities they may incur in the discharge of their duties and the competency and independence of all engaged in this branch of the government secured through their selection by free competition, promotion for merit only and assurance of tenure during the continuance of fidelity and efficiency on their own part.

Accusations Against Tulloch.

A supplementary report is appended to the original, embodying consideration of a letter from Postmaster Merritt, "making grave accusations against Mr. Tulloch." These accusations are considered in detail and the conclusion reached that they do not require modification of any of the conclusions or recommendations heretofore made. The supplementary report also gives consideration to letters from former Postmaster General Smith to the president, and from the late Commissioner Procter of the civil service commission, in which certain comments are made on the original report and says the Smith letter contains nothing leading "us to doubt the correctness of the conclusions announced in the original report."

The report adds: "Mr. Smith's letter shows to our minds not only that there was, as we said, a failure on his part while in office to appreciate the gravity of the situation disclosed by the warnings he received, but that he yet fails to appreciate this situation."

Appended to the report are letters to the president from Secretary Shaw, Postmaster General Payne and former Postmaster General Smith. Secretary Shaw states that as soon as the Tulloch letter was published he had investigated the connection of Judge Tracewell with the matters involved, and the secretary adds:

"I then reached the conclusion that he had passed a few improper payments. I was then convinced, however, that it was an error of judgment, and the amounts were very small. I went over the whole matter with Mr. Gilmer, and I became convinced that this gentleman was seeking to embarrass the department and his former chief. He injected into his examination every possible insinuation, and was wanting in that measure of frankness which is important in all these matters."

After reviewing further his investigation of Gilmer, the secretary concludes: "As nearly all the criticisms of Mr. Tracewell relate to differences between him and Mr. Gilmer, and as Mr. Gilmer is manifestly an unsafe custodian of any man's official reputation, I think the comptroller should be exonerated."

The letter of the postmaster general informed the president that the investigations suggested in the report are already in progress. That of former Postmaster General Smith is a categorical comment on that part of the report relating directly to his official acts, along the lines of the statements already published by him.

SHAFFER TAKES HOLD.

Steel Workers' President Directing Strike at the Indiana Harbor Mills.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Theodore J. Shaffer, president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, arrived in Indiana harbor unexpectedly tonight and immediately held a meeting with the striking steel workers of the Inland Steel Company. Later a meeting was held with the officials of the steel company, and this was followed by another meeting of the strikers.

The proposition made by the steel company, when presented to the meeting, precipitated a lengthy and animated discussion and at a late hour tonight the meeting was still in session. It is evident from outward appearances that the men expected to reach a settlement and save the Inland plant to the Amalgamated association.

DRIVEN BY FRIGHT TO TAKE HIS OWN LIFE

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 16.—J. F. Eckleberry committed suicide today under peculiar circumstances. On Sunday Eckleberry gave a farmer named James Stone some medicine to relieve the patient of the effects of drink. Stone died, however, and the coroner officially attributed the death to alcoholism. Eckleberry, however, heard that threats were being made against him, and this so perturbed him that he took chloroform and his death followed.

Boy Probably Fatally Burned.

Michael Koshof, aged 6 years, of Braddock, is dying from burns received in an explosion of kerosene at his home yesterday while his elder brother was starting the fire in the absence of their parents.

MORE EVIDENCES OF GROSS FRAUD

Bristow Makes Public New Facts Concerning Postoffice Department.

NOT WORKING FOR HEALTH

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The full report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow was made public today with the exception of exhibits which are withheld because of the pending criminal cases.

The report reveals many new facts brought out by the months of investigation and not embodied in the official abstract made public a fortnight ago. These are mostly in the way of important supplementary information regarding the alleged connection of executive officers of the department with fraudulent contracts for supplies, alleged efforts to promote mining stock among postoffice department employes and irregularities in outside postoffices.

The report speaks of profligate expenditure for Bundy time recorders, and cites instances, like Bay Shore, N. Y., where they were used and where there were no employes except the postmaster and his assistant. Continuing, it states that Hugh McK. Landon, secretary of a pneumatic cancelling machine company, testified during the investigation that in this city in 1902, when he came for orders, Beavers referred him to a clerk named H. Clayton Graff "as the man to do business with," and that in a personal conversation Graff said: "You know none of us are here for our health. The government is not liberal in the matter of its salaries and it costs much to live in Washington."

Talked Too Much.

Edwards Allen, now a clerk at the Cleveland (O.) postoffice, testified that reports he made on the merits of the Hampden canceling machine were not satisfactory to First Assistant Postmaster General Heath or to Beavers, and says he was plainly advised that it was Mr. Heath's desire that these machines be installed and the desire of Mr. Beavers "and the general" that he do less talking derogatory to the machine. He says he was forewarned of this by his brother, then chief clerk to the first assistant postmaster general, and thereafter, Allen testified, he simply installed machines and refrained from any comment. The machines proved worthless. The report says that H. J. Truesdell of Binghamton, N. Y., of the canceling machine company, told the inspectors that before the order of June 30, 1900, was given for 100 Doremus canceling machines, 200 shares ($20,000 worth) of the stock of the company was transferred to First Assistant Postmaster General Heath, Heath promising to order not less than 300 machines at $225 each.

In his affidavit Truesdell states that Green, a state senator from New York, told him he had made this agreement with Heath at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel one Saturday night and that he thought Truesdell and Doremus should "whack up" with him. Truesdell states that he agreed to contribute his share, and that he transferred 50 shares of his stock to Green for that purpose. Truesdell further states that Green at the time submitted to him a telegram or letter from Heath, in disguised expression, acknowledging receipt of the certificates of stock, and that afterward he (Green) and Doremus discussed the matter, and Doremus agreed to contribute 50 shares of his stock. Doremus denies any knowledge of stock having been given to Heath, but states that he did contribute 50 shares of stock, par value $5,000, to Green, to be used for the best interests of the company. Truesdell further states that Green, at a subsequent date, purchased back from Heath this stock.

Stock to Go to Heath.

Doremus admitted to the inspectors that Truesdell told him subsequently that the stock which Green asked them to contribute was to be transferred to Perry S. Heath in consideration of receiving a large order for machines.

Truesdell said that the payments made to Beavers was cashed at the bank by the former bookkeeper, Mrs. Ida E. Crowell, she bringing the currency to Beavers at the office of the company here and then absenting herself from the room when Beavers called to receive the currency; that the payments were entered by the company as "commission account" and that the payments which Beavers alleged were to be divided with Perry S. Heath were made with the positive knowledge and approval of George B. Green and W. D. Doremus. The evidence against Heath was submitted to the grand jury here, but the district attorney decided that it was not sufficient to warrant his indictment.

Concerning the case of H. H. Rand, who was appointed assistant superintendent of the salary and allowance division April 1, 1902, though his duties were confined to the postmaster general's office, the report says:

Chief Clerk J. J. Howley of the first assistant postmaster general's office testified that shortly after Rand came to Washington he told him he had an option on a Mexican mining property and was looking for some one with $2,000 to go into it with him, asking Howley if he had that amount. Miss Mae C. Wood testified that when she, as stenographer, was writing letters for Rand he talked to her about buying some stock in his mine, but she declined to invest.

Said Stock Advanced.

Mrs. Clara C. Bangs, a clerk employed in an office adjoining Rand's, stated that Rand had asked her if any of the people around there had any money. She said she thought Machen and Beavers had it all, and not long after that he told her, she says, that they had made Machen president of the company, that the stock was advancing rapidly and it would be a good thing for her to put some money into it. E. F. Warren, a watchman employed near Rand's room, said that Rand had handed him a circular bearing on some mining company. All officers or employes of the department who own stock declared that they neither bought from nor were solicited by Rand. Miss Wood and Mrs. Bangs testified that the meetings of Rand's company, the National Capital Copper Mining Company, were usually held during office hours. Mrs. Bangs testified that Rand required so much of her time to attend to his correspondence relating to private schemes that she complained that she could not keep up her regular office duties, and Miss Wood, who succeeded her, stated that her time was taken up almost wholly with correspondence relating to Rand's private business.

The report says there is no evidence that Rand asked any member of congress to vote for the Parrish ice claim. Stenographic notes taken by Miss Wood indicated that Rand had been in correspondence with Harrison J. Barrett and others regarding "get rich quick" cases pending before the department, but it does not appear that he was ever interested in any of these cases, the information being desired by Everett, president of the trust company in which Rand was interested in Chicago. Mr. Bristow says that Rand was indiscreet in his official relations. "A. W. Machen thought he saw through Rand," Mr. Bristow says, "a direct connection with the postmaster general, and therefore readily interested himself in some of his mining schemes."

A Fortunate Alliance.

"Rand probably was not aware of Machen's real purpose, but, coming into the department as he did as the personal appointee of the postmaster general, it is fortunate that he should have allied himself with Machen so as to become his partisan defender when charges were filed against him."

Regarding the sale of promotions in New York city and Jersey City, the report mentions Bayonne, N. J., as also involved and says that while Otto F. Weis, the registry clerk at New York, now dismissed, and an intimate friend of Beavers, says he collected from $8,000 to $10,000 for the "legislative fund" for the clerks, Weis' bank account where these funds were deposited aggregated $19,154, and Mr. Bristow expresses the opinion that this represents the amount of Weis collections. Weis stated that he used about $3,000 of this money for expenses and that the balance $6,000 or $7,000, he paid to Benjamin Parkhurst, "an intimate friend of Beavers and superintendent of a postoffice station in this city, but removed last April."

The report says that after inspectors began work at New York Parkhurst asked numerous clerks there and at Jersey City to say that the money was collected for legislative purposes and not to secure promotions. These facts were submitted to the grand jury here in May, but the district attorney recommended against prosecution on the ground of insufficient evidence and further effort toward criminal process against Beavers and Weis in this case was dropped, when, on May 31 last, the statute of limitations operated in Beavers' case.

Letter Referred to Beavers.

The report cites a clerk hire allowance of $300 per annum ordered by Beavers at Lestershire, N. Y., and Dysart, Ia., though not so entitled, the recommendations being made by the members of congress of those districts. Reference is made to a letter of the postmaster at Duquoin, Ill., who in December, 1901, wrote Senator Mason a request to secure $500 per annum for clerk hire, promising that if he should do so he would devote his time to the senator's campaign for re-election.

The senator referred the letter without comment to Beavers, and the allowance was not made, but later a member of congress made the same recommendation, and it was complied with without further inquiry. The report names a number of instances where clerks were appointed, on order of Beavers, against the wishes of postmasters. These clerks performed but meager services. Minerva Jeffrey, the report continues, was a $600 clerk at Fredonia, N. Y., for the first five months in 1899, though she did not work there, the postmaster never saw her, he says, and her payments were sent by check to Washington and deposited in Beaver's personal account. She was afterward transferred to Burlington, Vt., and New York, and rendered service. The report cites increased amounts for leases of postoffices against the recommendations of inspectors, and quotes section 3739 of the Revised Statutes, inhibiting contracts with congressmen, and says that Beavers, nevertheless, made contracts with members of congress for the rental of premises, either in their own names, the names of their agents or some members of their family. Mr. Bristow says:

Matter of Obligation.

"A careful investigation, however, does not show that the government has been defrauded by the payment of excessive rentals to members of congress either directly or indirectly. I recommend, however, that all leases where a member of congress is a party be canceled and leases executed in conformity with the statutes.

"There is no evidence to indicate that Beavers' reckless and high-handed proceedings in the matter of leases was the result of any general scheme of corruption or blackmail on his part. His purpose seems to have been to place members of congress and influential politicians under personal obligations to him."

At Manhattan, Kan., the report says, on the recommendation of Representative W. A. Calderhead, a rental allowance for the postoffice was increased $250 per annum, although no additional service was performed and despite an existing lease for 10 years at the original figure. Mr. Bristow says he does not offer any criticism against the congressman.

All the postmasters who gave testimonials for the Elliott and Hatch book typewriters, for implication in the sale of which W. Scott Towers, a postal superintendent here, was removed, have been called on for an explanation. A letter from Auditor Castle of the postoffice department recommending the machine is printed, with the statement that his letter was used in the advertising literature of the company, while the protest of his clerks against the machine quietly slept in the files of the office of the first assistant postmaster general. The machines were finally barred by First Assistant Postmaster General Johnson.

The report says that the case of Assistant District Attorney E. E. Baldwin at New York, charged with knowledge of a fraud against the government and insultingly refusing information to inspectors, has been laid before the attorney general, and that the case of his father, Judge E. Baldwin, consul at Nuremberg, whom Mr. Bristow says "probably knows as much about the fraud as anybody," is referred to the secretary of state.

SECRETARY ROOT WARMLY DEFENDS GENERAL WOOD

It Is Understood That Confirmation Will Be Recommended to Senate.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The senate committee on military affairs tonight concluded its investigation of charges against Gen. Leonard Wood, filed for the purpose of preventing his confirmation as major general. Secretary Root was the only witness today. He was on the stand for two and a half hours at the forenoon session and occupied the attention of the committee tonight from 5 o'clock until 11:20. The committee will meet tomorrow to prepare its report. It is understood that confirmation will be recommended by a vote of 8 to 2. A minority report will be made by the opposing members of the committee.

The testimony of Secretary Root is practically the only defense that has been made of Gen. Wood in the hearing, which has extended since about the beginning of the extraordinary session of congress. This testimony, however, covered the entire range of the evidence produced against Gen. Wood and was supported in many instances with correspondence and other data taken from records at the war department covering the period of Gen. Wood's administration as governor general of Cuba.

Secretary Root undertook to assume the whole responsibility for the orders issued by Gen. Wood affecting the judicial system in Cuba and concerning the concession granted to the Jai Alai company at Havana. He justified the acceptance by Gen. Wood of the present of a silver set from the Jai Alai company.

At the forenoon session of the committee Secretary Root was given every latitude in telling his story of the affairs on the island and refuting the charges that had been made by a number of witnesses, but at the evening session questions were asked by Senator Teller which confined the secretary to the Runcie letter, the Jai Alai concession, the Rathbone trial, Gen. Wood's friendship for Dellairs, and the question of seniority as a means of recognizing military service. Many of the questions were pointed and in some cases severe upon Gen. Wood, but in every case Gen. Wood found a warm defender.

STOCKHOLDERS LOSE ALL.

Col. J. M. Guffey Among Losers in Bankrupt Structural Steel Company.

CANTON, O., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Creditors of the Structural Steel Car Company will receive every cent of their claims, but the stockholders will realize practically nothing on the $200,000 they invested in the enterprise. These facts were made public today by U. S. Johnston, trustee in bankruptcy, announcing the sale of the plant and property to the Ajax Manufacturing Company of Cleveland for $73,000.

The Cleveland company is said to have practically closed a contract for a job extending over five years and involving $7,000,000, which will be largely made in the Canton plant.

The Structural Steel Car Company was organized by a large number of Cantonians and some outside capitalists, including Col. James M. Guffey of Pittsburgh. The plant was about ready to start when it was found that much more working capital was needed. Eastern men offered to provide this, but failed at the critical time.

STOCKHOLDERS INCREASE IN U. S. STEEL COMMON

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Since the last dividend was paid on United States Steel common stock the number of shareholders has increased 2,240. The transfer books show that the next dividend, which will be sent out on January 1, will go to 37,327 persons, compared with 34,977 on October 1. The only explanation is that the low price of the stock has attracted many new buyers.

British to Aid Consolidated Company.

MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—Senator Dandurand, who went to England with F. H. Clergue, to interest British capitalists in the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, stated today, that an arrangement had been made that if the reorganization company would take care of the Speyer loan, British capitalists would be willing to advance sufficient capital to put the company on a sound basis.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS
FROM BOOK LAND.

The New Gibson Album	$4 20
A Checked Love Affair	1 50
Two Little Savages	1 75
The Little Shephard of Kingdom Come	1 08
Barlasch of the Guard	1 08
A Forest Heart	1 08
Col. Carter's Christmas	1 08
The Adventures of Gerard	1 08
The Sherrods	1.08
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm	90
Peloubet's Select Notes, 2 or more	80

Twenty per cent discount on Calendars.
Christmas and New Year Cards.
Children's Books.
1904 Diaries. Fountain Pens.
Goods delivered. Store open Evenings
JOSEPH HORNER BOOK CO., Ltd.
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Or discomfort, no irritation of the intestines—but gentle, prompt, thorough healthful cleansing, when you take
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Sold by all druggists. 25 cents

RECIPROCITY BILL PASSES SENATE

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than his party he should get out of the party, for for him to remain after reaching such a conclusion must be bad either for him or his party."

No Help From Democrats.

Again addressing the Republican side of the chamber and leaning far over the aisle toward the Republican senators, most of whom were in their seats and giving him their closest attention, he said:

"I don't wonder that you look worried. You will get no help from us. You have been getting it, and always have been able to find some one over here who was willing to make an honorable exception, to use the language of the senator from Wisconsin, and vote for anything you might ask them to vote for. But you will get no more of our votes."

He concluded this feature of his address by asking to be pardoned for publicly rejoicing over a prospect of party unity, and said that his present attitude must be explained by his great disappointment over the lack of unity in the recent past. He believed that with a return to the conditions before the war, the party would again return to its senses of that time.

Mr. Bailey then resumed his discussion of the constitutionality of reciprocity treaties, engaging in a colloquy with Mr. Hale.

The Vote in Detail.

Messrs. Platt (Connecticut) Foraker (Ohio) and Lodge (Massachusetts) explained briefly that they did not agree with the position of either Mr. Spooner or Mr. Bailey. All three maintained that with the aid of the senate the president had the same power to negotiate treaties affecting commercial and tariff questions that he has to negotiate other treaties.

The vote in detail was as follows:

Yeas—Aldrich, Alger, Allee, Allison, Ankeny, Bacon, Ball, Beveridge, Blackburn, Burnham, Burrows, Burton, Clapp, Clark (Wyoming), Clay, Cockrell, Cullom, Depew, Dillingham, Dolliver, Dryden, Elkins, Fairbanks, Foraker, Foster (Washington), Frye, Fulton, Gallinger, Gorman, Hale, Hanna, Hansbrough, Heyburn, Hoar, Hopkins, Kean, Lodge, Long, McComas, McCreary, McCumber, Mitchell, Nelson, Overman, Penrose, Perkins, Platt (Connecticut), Platt (New York), Proctor, Quarles, Scott, Simmons, Smoot, Spooner, Stewart, Stone, Wetmore.—57.

Nays—Bailey, Bard, Bate, Berry, Carmack, Culberson, Daniel, Dubois, Foster (Louisiana), McEnery, McLaurin, Mallory, Martin, Newlands, Pettus, Taliaferro, Teller, Tillman.—18.

Pairs were announced as follows: Hawley with Clark of Montana, Millard with Clark of Arkansas, Kearns with Gibson, Warren with Money, Quay with Morgan and Kittridge with Patterson.

Mr. Allison called up and the senate agreed to the house resolution providing for an adjournment from December 19 to January 4 for the holidays.

Glassport Mill to Resume.

The hoop mill at Glassport will resume operations in a short time. A reduction in wages will affect all tonnage men.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Kenny's Christmas Picture Free.
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Size, 34 by 10 inches,
Illustrating the Joys of Christmastide.
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43rd and Butler Sts., Pittsburgh.

NOVEL TEST OF ENDURANCE

Pianist Undertakes to Play Continuously for 24 Hours.

CAN HE DO IT?

A Wager Made on the Result of the Test, Which Will Be Watched With Much Interest.

A discussion, begun in mere idleness last evening in the lobby of the Hotel Henry, between a local musician and a well-known Pittsburgh business man, resulted in the making of a novel wager, the result of which is to be decided this week between 4 p. m. Friday and 4 p. m. Saturday. And incidentally anybody who happens to be down town on Fifth avenue during the hours mentioned will have an opportunity of witnessing the most remarkable and unusual test of endurance ever heard of.

The wager came about in this way. The two gentlemen referred to were disputing as to the length of time it would be possible to play a piano continuously without pausing for even a moment's rest. A well-dressed, clean shaven, nervous looking stranger, who happend to be sitting near enough to overhear the conversation, volunteered the remark that he could play a piano 24 hours continuously. Pretty soon there was a heated argument between the stranger and the business man, with the result that the latter offered to bet $200 that the other was bluffing, and the bet was promptly covered by the stranger.

The details of the contest were then arranged. Permission was secured from S. Hamilton, the music dealer, to have the event take place in the window of Hamilton's Music House, 335-337 Fifth avenue, beginning at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon and lasting till 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon of this week.

Both hands must be on the key board all the time and both hands must play in unison. A distinct tune or melody must be going on all the time and the pianist must either sit or stand. Not a moment's intermission is allowed during the 24 hours. The pianist may eat, drink or smoke as much as he likes during the contest, but must not cease playing. An attendant will be present all the time to wait on him.

Since the wager was made it has come out that the stranger is none other than J. M. Waterbury. Waterbury lives in St. Louis and first won fame in 1895 by playing the piano continuously for 25 hours at the Lamb's club in New York. This was also done on a wager. And he has since engaged in many contests of endurance playing.

Waterbury has short, thick fingers and very muscular forearms. Since learning his identity the other party to the wager does not feel so confident but the outcome will be watched with much interest and the affair will afford an interesting spectacle to the crowds who pass Hamilton's store on Fifth avenue Friday and Saturday.

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CATHOLIC PUPILS BARRED BY BOARD

C. M. Schwab Manual Training School Not for Catholics.

WILL APPEAL TO COURTS

Pupils attending Catholic schools were barred from the Charles M. Schwab Manual Training school at Homestead by a vote of the Homestead school board at a meeting of the board last night. The vote was 10 to 3. The minority members of the board promise to stir matters up and threaten to take the matter into the courts in order to get an interpretation on the Pennsylvania school laws. The admission of Catholic pupils has been hanging fire since the Schwab school was opened and Charles M. Schwab, the donor of the school, was appealed to to decide the matter, but he side-stepped the issue and left it to the borough school board to decide.

The minority members of the board claim the discussion of the admission of Catholic students has been evaded since the opening of the manual training school. It was brought up last evening at the meeting by Harry Haley, and a strictly denominational vote resulted. The meeting was attended by members of both branches of the Order of the United American Mechanics, but members of the order took no part in the proceedings.

The decision of the board caused considerable discussion in Homestead last night and both sides promise to bring the matter into the politics of the borough. After the meeting Edward Rouse, president of the school board, said that the reason for keeping Catholic school pupils out of the school was that the manual training school was intended only for public school pupils. He said if the Catholic pupils were admitted it would be necessary to increase the appropriation for the school, the teaching force and the school facilities. President Rouse said it would be impossible to enforce discipline and that having Catholic and public school pupils attending the manual training school would result in disorganization and trouble in the school and among the pupils. He said that Schwab intended the school only for pupils attending public schools.

Mr. Haley, who brought the matter up when the school was opened, said that when the matter was referred by Schwab to the school committee, that David Rodgers, then chairman of the committee, never called a meeting to settle the matter. Mr. Haley said he consulted Nathan Schaeffer, superintendent of state public instruction, and was told that there was no law in Pennsylvania to keep Catholic pupils out of the school. Mr. Haley claims that Schwab in his speech at the dedication of the school said the school was for all children of Homestead and vicinity. The motion which brought up the matter at last night's meeting was made specifically to allow pupils of Catholic schools to attend the manual training school.

The members of the Homestead school board who voted against the motion last night were: Harry Baker, Robert Carr, W. H. Houston, Lewis Jones, John I. Kerr, William Rouse, William Rodgers, Robert Scott, George Wickerham and W. R. Williams. Those favoring the motion were Harry Haley, John Connelly and J. C. Murray.

Fell Dead on Floor.

While playing basketball in the gymnasium of the Young Men's Catholic Lyceum building, in Washington street, yesterday afternoon, William J. Clair, a prominent member of the lyceum, was stricken with heart failure and died on the floor in a few minutes. Clair's home was in Elm street, where he resided with his parents, two brothers and a sister.

WANT ALL REPRESENTED.

Colorado Fuel Stockholders' Meeting Delayed to Secure Unanimity.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Vice President Prentice of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, in speaking today of the cause of the postponement for 30 days of the stockholders' meeting, which was to have been held in Denver yesterday, stated that the main object of the meeting was to ratify the sale of properties of the company to a syndicate of the principal stockholders for the purpose of temporarily assisting in financing the company.

He said more than 85 per cent of the stockholders had sent in proxies favoring the plan. It was thought that by a little delay it would be possible to bring in practically the whole body of the stock. The syndicate desired to secure as near a unanimity as possible. Partly in deference to its wishes, therefore, the meeting was postponed in order to secure the proxies not yet sent in.

Unemployed Man Kills Himself.

ALTOONA, PA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Despondent on account of being unable to secure employment, Harry Bratton, aged 33, of this city, committed suicide tonight by shooting. A widow and child survive.

RARE PIANO BARGAINS.
$375 Genuine Chickering upright, colonial style, mahogany, like new, goes for $268 00
$400 Hallett & Davis upright, used $128 00
$250 Duquesne upright, mahogany, perfect condition, used, goes for $149 00
$500 New Steinway upright, mahogany, best style made...$525 00
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As a special Christmas offering we have put on sale
TWO HENRY F. MILLER BABY GRAND PIANOS
at almost Cost Price. One in rich medium mahogany; the other, a very dark mahogany. We have discontinued the agency—that's why we make the Big Cut in the Price. It will interest you to see the really remarkable
KNABE MIGNON GRAND
one of the Smallest Grands, yet having a Big, Magnificent Tone.
The picture at the top represents a new style KLEBER PIANO—an instrument that is adding to the musical fame of Pittsburg. Only $375.00.
The unique CROWN PIANO—the sweet-toned STRAUBE Piano are also shown in immense numbers. Other makes from $150.00 upwards.
The APOLLO PIANO PLAYER, with a list of 10,000 pieces, which it plays in five different keys, is $225.00.
The discount we make you on Apollo music will almost save the price of a player in one year.
Next in importance is the new invention in the CROWN MUSIC BOXES, containing the Piano Sounding Board, which DOUBLES the volume of tune.
EDISON PHONOGRAPHS, VICTOR TALKING MACHINES. Thousands of Records.
The world-famous WASHBURN MANDOLINS, GUITARS, BANJOS, ZITHERS.
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Are You One of the Perplexed?

One that belongs to the bewildered set—those that are bound to give presents and yet cannot make up their mind what to give? Why, this is the very store for notionate people. You can step into either the entrance to East Store or the entrance to West Store and your eyes will light upon innumerable pleasing gift things. If your gift is to be an expensive one, you can easily indulge your fancy to its widest bent; if you are looking for some kind of an admirable gift that won't cost much, they are simply here by the thousand.

If you want to look up the lines gradually and take plenty of time for decision, come in the early morning hours.

Rugs for Christmas Presents.

The Oriental or the Domestic Sort, Which Shall It Be?

We know the Oriental Rug business. We know, also, that we must go to school each year—to Constantinople—headquarters for the rug gems of the far East. From there we go into the numerous districts where the rugs are made and we get them direct. Only three or four other firms in the United States follow this method of selecting Oriental Rugs—none of them within hundreds of miles of Pittsburg. So you are safe in buying your Oriental Rugs from us for presentation purposes—safe in two ways, getting something of intrinsic value, getting the rug for a much less price than any other store can afford to sell same grade. Following is an idea of what little money it takes to purchase fine Oriental Rugs here:

$18.75 —buys choice Persian Mousoul, Guendji or Karrabagh Rugs, 6 ft. by 4 ft. in size, silky in texture, soft in coloring. Suitable for hall, stair landing, library, reception room, or in front of fireplace.

$25.00 buys genuine Persian Daghistan and Shirvan rugs—the kind that will be found only in choice collections. Both these styles of rugs are favorites of connoisseurs. We have sold many of them during the past few days to people who know the value of Oriental Rugs. There are over 100 of these fine rugs from which to select.

$75.00 buys a choice Persian Muskabad Rug, average size 11x9 feet—either yellow, old rose, or blue ground. Just the rug needed for a small parlor, reception hall or den. These rugs at $75.00 are well worth $136.00.

Besides Oriental Rugs we import largely of other rugs, among them the following:

Imported Kassaba Rugs made in one piece, having a very heavy pile, texture same as the world-famed Scotch Axminster or the Perlin face. These rugs are facsimiles of the Turkey Yaprak. The reds and blues have the quality of withstanding long wear and will admit of any amount of scouring. The sizes are 12 ft. x 10 ft.

One of the most pleasing Rugs we have is the one known as the Basra Rug. It is woven in many different effects, among them Floral, Art Nouveau, Empire, Renaissance and Roccoco. The sizes are 13 ft. x 10 ft. The price $65.00.

As to domestic Rugs we have every good kind that is known and in every good size from the hearth size up to the carpet size, and each and all are popularly priced.

Men's Overcoats—Big Reductions.

Broken lines of fine to finest overcoats thrown together and making a collection of 1,800 choice garments. The sale starts this morning, and the reduced prices are worth looking over more than once. To men who intend making other men a gift of an overcoat this is a splendid occasion.

No matter what style is desired; no matter what fabric; no matter what length or weight—all are yours for wonderful reductions.

In view of the many months of cold weather ahead, and in view of the general prediction of an old-fashioned winter, this sale comes in most opportunely. Here are the prices:

Overcoats that sold for $10.00 reduced to $ 7.00.
Overcoats that sold for $12.00 reduced to $ 9.00.
Overcoats that sold for $15.00 reduced to $11.75.
Overcoats that sold for $18.00 reduced to $13.50.
Overcoats that sold for $20.00 reduced to $15.00.
Overcoats that sold for $22.00 reduced to $17.00.
Overcoats that sold for $25.00 reduced to $20.00.
Overcoats that sold for $28.50 reduced to $22.50.

and on through the big variety to $42.50 for finest overcoats that sold for $55.00.

Christmas Sale of Girls' and Misses' Coats.

New, Stylish goods, and look at the saving there is on the prices!

Girls' Coats in red, black and blue zibeline, warmly interlined, handsome lace collars, sizes 4, 5 and 6 years. $8.50, were $12.00.

Little Girls' Velvet Coats, red, blue and black, with handsome deep lace collars, $15.00, were $22.00.

Misses' Fine Zibeline Coats, sizes 14, 16 and 18 years; colors, light tan, navy blue and black; some are braided, satin lined. Price $28.00, formerly $36.00.

Misses' Tan Covert Coats, paletot style, handsomely trimmed with fancy buttons. $13.50, formerly $18.00.

Girls' Raincoats, extra quality, new styles, soft finished cloth, warranted rainproof, at $8.50 and with or without collar, lengths 32 to 52 inches. $4.00 to $10.50. Also in Norfolk and Somerset styles, to $8.50.

Extraordinary Reductions on Feather Boas.

Also on Liberty Silk Boas.

Too many fine goods, so we might as well make a Christmas clearance as to wait until the season closes. An opportune time for Christmas buyers. Will you take advantage of it?

$30 Feather Boas, $24.
$35 Feather Boas, $28.
$50 Feather Boas, $40.
$60 Feather Boas, $48.
$100 Feather Boas, $80.

The Liberty Silk Boas come in under the same admirable reductions in price.

$8 Liberty Silk Boas, $6.
$10 Liberty Silk Boas, $7.50.
$15 Liberty Silk Boas, $11.25.
$25 Liberty Silk Boas, $18.75.

Gift Furniture for Women.

Handsome Tables, specimens of the high class handiwork of skilled artisans. Fashioned on graceful lines, yet possessing great strength and durability. A Christmas gift sure to be acceptable.

TEA TABLES—A new departure, having folding top and shelf, very compact as well as ornamental—carrying out the idea of the old English breakfast table. $23.00.

MUFFIN STANDS—Three tiers high, in solid mahogany—$11.00.

TUCKAWAY TABLES—This little hexagon cross legged table stands 23 inches high. The 18-inch top is hinged to fold in center; has a drawer. $10.00.

SUTHERLAND TABLES—of Honduras mahogany, the size is 27 inches by 22 inches when open, and with both flaps down the table measures but 6½ inches in width. Fitted with drawer for spoons. $16.00.

THREE TIER TABLES—Mahogany, oval in shape—18x28 inches, with carving at ends, $15.00.

GILT TABLES—Hand painted decorations, shelf below—$10.00 each.

TEA TRAYS—Mahogany and oak—$5.00 to $30.00.

Golf—A Good Suggestion.

To a golf-playing friend—man or woman—one has a certainty of being able to give a holiday gift that will please. If the club doesn't "fit" it can be brought in and one selected in exchange to suit.

Haskell Golf Balls, $6.00 a dozen.
Wizard Golf Balls, $6.00 a dozen.
Remade Haskell Golf Balls, $5.00 a dozen.
[illegible] ones, 50c to $1.50.
Caddy Bags, 75c to $8.00.
Golf Gloves, $2.00.
Set of Golf Clubs, $2.00 to $6.50.
We carry a full line of Golf supplies.

It's All in the Lily Flounce.

The Lily Skirt shown at our Lining counter is much admired for its graceful sweep. That sweep is given the skirt by the Lily Haircloth Flounce. We sell the Lily Haircloth Flounce. It is inexpensive—so inexpensive that women are somewhat amazed. A skirt with this flounce, and made with Pres de Soie, a material that has all the satisfying rustle of the best taffeta, is a skirt that meets all ideas.

The demonstrator will be pleased to talk further with you on the subject.

Handsome Imported Towels.

A specialty of our linen department and one that will go a long ways towards pleasing the housewife or the housekeeper.

$2.75 each for hand embroidered fancy towels with knotted fringe—a $3.75 value.

$1.00 each for fancy damask Towels, finished with hemstitching and figures, size 24x42.

60c each for hemstitched huckaback Towels, with damask figures, size 20x40.

Santa Claus Stockings, 25c.

Some years ago Santa Claus appointed us distributing agents for his favorite stockings—the ones with the Van Dyke points in colors, finished with tiny bells.

While the old fellow likes to fill the larger stockings, he is not averse to the small stockings. Therefore we have every size.

PENN, FIFTH and CECIL WAY.

COOK SAYS HE IS NOT DEALING

Republicans Will Not Nominate Peter Hermes for Select Councilman.

MARTIN M'TIGHE AN ORPHAN

Representative Lawrence B. Cook, who is chairman of the Sixth ward Republican committee, was closeted with Mayor William B. Hays at the executive department in city hall yesterday afternoon. The report at once spread that they were discussing the possibility of putting Peter Hermes on the Republican ticket in the Sixth ward as a candidate for select councilman.

At the close of the conference Hays and Cook denied that any political significance attached to their meeting.

The mayor said: "Cook is my neighbor, and we often talk together. I have not tried to get Hermes on the Republican ticket."

"My business with the mayor was not of a political nature," said Cook. "While we discussed the Sixth ward fight to some extent, there was no effort made to arrange a deal, and no deal will be made. The Republicans of the Sixth ward intend to elect a straight ticket. As for Hermes, I am a Republican, and I could not support him for the party nomination. There will be a meeting of the ward committees next week to discuss the councilmanic situation."

Controller John B. Larkin says that he would not be surprised to see Martin McTighe affiliate with the Orphan party, but said that the question of his nomination for select councilman in the Sixth ward would be left to Dr. J. P. Shaw. The latter will be the Orphan candidate for common councilman and will have charge of the fortunes of the party in the ward.

At a meeting to be held in the Margaretta school house tomorrow night a second attempt will be made to organize the Orphan party in the Nineteenth ward.

A. B. Stevenson has been retained as legal advisor for the three Eleventh ward school directors who were ripped out of office Monday night by the Fox faction. His clients have been instructed to call two meetings of the board and invite Directors Fox, Ginniff and Ward to attend. If they do not go to the meetings application will be made to the courts for the appointment of their successors. The first meeting will be held tomorrow night.

Louis Sabiodowsky of the Seventh ward has announced his candidacy for select councilman on the Citizens ticket. He says that he was one of the organizers of the party in the ward, and if it fails to nominate him he will become an independent candidate.

The Orphans central committee met in the controller's office last night. The Orphan members of councils were all instructed to vote against awarding a city lighting contract for a longer period than one year.

The Orphans take exception to the statement of Mayor W. B. Hays that the ticket named in the Sixteenth ward is not legally nominated. Thomas O'Brien announced that the complete ticket has been properly nominated. Plans were made last night for the organization of a band of Orphans in the Thirty-seventh ward tomorrow evening.

Benjamin D. Lewis has announced his candidacy for common councilman in the Twenty-fifth ward. He will go into the Republican primaries.

WILL GO TO ST. JOSEPH.

Meeting Place Chosen for United Presbyterian Convention.

The first biennial convention of the United Presbyterian church will be held in St. Joseph, Mo., June 29 to July 3, 1904. The place of meeting was agreed upon yesterday at a meeting of the executive committee of the Young People's Christian union, held at the residence of John Scott in Braddock. St. Joseph was chosen from seven cities which had been entered in the contest. The convention will be attended by over 2,000 delegates, the majority of whom will go from Western Pennsylvania.

Less than four years ago the first United Presbyterian work was done in St. Joseph and the growth has been so rapid that the taking of the convention there is regarded as an especial compliment to that growing city.

The interests of St. Joseph were represented by the Rev. W. R. Leeper, a United Presbyterian pastor in that place. The members of the committee are the Rev. W. R. Wilson, Carnegie, chairman; the Rev. George E. Hawes, Braddock, secretary; Orville Wilson, St. Louis; the Rev. A. C. Douglass, Des Moines; S. R. McArthur, Newton, Kan.; C. A. Foster, Carnegie; the Rev. J. A. Cosby, Aurora, Ill.; the Rev. W. E. McCullough, Pittsburgh, and the Rev. W. E. Tate, New York.

CARNEGIE TO GIVE CHECK.

Five Thousand Dollars Will Be Added to the Butler Relief Fund.

Pittsburgh's donation fund for Butler will soon be swelled from $3,000 to $8,000 by a gift from Andrew Carnegie. Mayor W. B. Hays has been notified that Mr. Carnegie has stated that he is willing to give $5,000. A check for this amount will be received probably today. Mayor Hays yesterday received $255 for the Butler relief fund. The total amount of the fund is now $3,160. The following contributions were received yesterday: Reymer Bros., $50; Strasburgher & Joseph, $25; Sarah C. Sweeney, $10; First German E. P. church, $25; cash, $5; cash, $10; Mrs. John H. Bailey, $100.

Further efforts for the sufferers will be taken by the Women's committee of the Red Cross society, which will meet tomorrow morning. The Pittsburgh chamber of commerce may also take steps to relieve the typhoid sufferers at a meeting Monday. Another line of relief work is that by the Ladies' Association of the Homeopathic hospital, which has opened a nurses' home at Butler, all contributions for which are to be sent to Miss E. A. Bingham, Westminster place, East End.

WOMAN IS A LUNATIC AS RESULT OF A PRANK

Mrs. Johanna Scarrino, who was shot in mistake for a burglar while disguised in men's clothes by her husband, Joseph Scarrino, at their home in Bruce station about three months ago, was removed from the jail to the county home at Woodville yesterday. Mrs. Scarrino was shot in the head and is insane as a result. She was sent to jail from a hospital a few days ago, and yesterday the charity officials took action. The husband is still in jail, charged with felonious shooting, but it is probable that the charge will not be pressed, as there seems to be no doubt of the shooting being the result of a mistake.

Mifflin Teachers Balk at Order.

Teachers in the Mifflin township public schools will attend the meeting of the school board in a body this evening and protest against the order to continue the school sessions until next Thursday. Many of the teachers live outside of the township and they claim that if the school is kept open till Thursday evening many of them will not be able to get home for the Christmas holidays. The teachers will request the board to close the schools on Wednesday.

Many Conductors Discharged.

Fifteen conductors reporting at the Rankin car barn of the Pittsburgh Railways Company have been discharged this week, and it is reported that more men will be let go. At the other barns of the company it is reported that a like number of men have been discharged during the week. In every case, it is alleged the company let the men go because they missed collecting fares.

CAMPBELL'S.
Trimmed Hats Take a Tumble Tonight.

Regular $5 and $6 Ladies' Trimmed Hats in velvets, braids, chiffons and chenilles, black and colored box turbans and the large shapes, trimmed with breasts, wings, buckles, tips, birds and ribbons, will be on sale from 6 to 9:30 tonight at Campbell's for $1.39.

MURDER OVER DOLLAR OF BORROWED MONEY

Italian at Imperial Stabbed Fellow-Miner and Had Narrow Escape from Being Lynched After His Capture.

In a quarrel over a dollar Michael Rocco, an Italian, stabbed and instantly killed Thomas Sinklar on the platform of Imperial station on the Montour junction of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad yesterday morning shortly after 8 o'clock. Rocco attempted to escape, but was captured and had a close call from being lynched. Both men were miners. Sinklar was single and Rocco has a wife and two children. Both men were residents of Imperial.

About a week ago Sinklar borrowed a dollar from Rocco. The men met Tuesday night, and the Italian asked Sinklar to return the loan. The latter said he did not have the money, but would return it later. Rocco noticed Sinklar had a bottle of whisky with him and asked for a drink. Sinklar told the Italian he had been ugly about the money and he could not have any of the whisky.

"I will get even tomorrow," replied Rocco.

Sinklar was standing at the station with Patrick Keefe when he saw Rocco coming down the hill toward the station.

"Keefe, Rocco is going to kill me," said Sinklar. "Hold him off with your gun."

Keefe paid no attention to Sinklar. Rocco walked up to Sinklar and deliberately stabbed him in the stomach with his stiletto.

"Shoot him, Keefe," cried Sinklar; "he stabbed me."

Rocco ran over the hills. A. R. McPherson and William Nelson, engineer and fireman, were sitting on their engine near the station and saw Sinklar fall. They jumped off the train and examined the wounded man. Seeing that he was dying, they started after Rocco. Keefe, although standing by the side of Sinklar, did not see the Italian inflict the wound.

Keefe handed his revolver to Patrick Conneff, who also started after the Italian. By this time three parties of a half-dozen men each started in pursuit of Rocco. The Italian ran over the hills and doubled on his pursuers, returning to the station. He was met by Conneff, who held him up with Keefe's revolver.

The Italian was taken into the station. In a few minutes a crowd gathered about the station and tried to break into the place to get possession of Rocco.

"Hang the dago!" they cried.

Justice of the Peace John Wilson and Constable Sowers went to the station and remonstrated with the crowd. Sowers went into the station and handcuffed the prisoner and took him to the jail 10 minutes afterward. One man broke into the station while the constable was handcuffing the Italian and threw a conductor's punch at Rocco's head.

Deputy Coroner John Black made an investigation of the case and set the inquest for Friday. Sinklar was 52 years old and Rocco is 28.

FRANCHISE FIGHT OPENS TOMORROW

Joint Corporations Committee Called to Consider Traction and Light Bills.

HELLO COMPANIES TAKE PART

The new trolley syndicate will attempt to show at the meeting of the joint corporations committee of councils tomorrow afternoon that it is not affiliated with the Philadelphia Company, and that the traction franchises which the company is seeking will not be used to benefit the existing monopoly. Chairman George W. McNeil yesterday called a meeting of the committee for the purpose, principally, of taking up the seven traction franchises.

There are also two electric light franchises, one for the Duquesne Light Company and the other for the Pennsylvania Light, Heat and Power Company, which the committee may act upon. The Duquesne Light Company represents the new trolley syndicate. The Pennsylvania Light, Heat and Power Company is an Allegheny concern that has now an ordinance tied up in the rump corporations committee of select council.

In the Pennsylvania company's new ordinance its asks for the additional privilege of making a contract with any other corporation for the joint use of the latter company's wires, conduits, poles, etc. The same right is asked by the Duquesne Light Company. The Duquesne Light Company is affiliated with the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Telephone Company, and the Pennsylvania Light, Heat and Power Company is said to have made a reciprocal arrangement with the Bell Telephone Company. This makes the telephone companies rivals also in the electric light business, providing both get a franchise.

The Wabash railroad has a new ordinance in the joint corporations committee. The Wabash has the same ordinance in the rump corporations committee of select council. It asks for the passage of its ordinance, to put it on an equal footing with the Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio companies, whose ordinances have already passed common council.

NEW VOLUNTEER ARMY.

Pittsburgh Churchmen Ask Charter for "Church Army in the United States."

Attorney G. K. Wright, in common pleas court No. 2, yesterday made application for a charter for the "Church Army in the United States." The opening paragraph of the application explains the purpose of the organization as follows:

"Be it known that the subscribers, having associated themselves together for the purpose of sending church workers into the streets and lanes of the cities and into the roads and highways of the country to give religious instruction and assistance to the poor and wretched," etc.

The subscribers are George H. Randal, John H. B. Phillips, F. K. Fitler, H. D. W. English, Charles S. Shoemaker and James K. Bakewell.

Contractors to Finish Work.

In order to complete all work now under way the Master Plumbers' association decided that the members assist one another. The larger buildings will be completed first, after which the smaller ones will receive attention. The master plumbers expect to secure help from outside and that some of the striking journeymen will turn in and help.

Homestead Dressmaker Robbed.

Miss C. Florence Holzmauser, a dressmaker of Eighth avenue, Homestead, reported to the police that her apartments had been robbed of a pearl necklace, valued at $300; a stickpin, worth $50; a diamond ring worth $175 and several other articles.

SEWICKLEY WOMEN LEARNING TO RUN

Young women residents of Sewickley, who have been appearing unaccompanied on the borough streets after dark, are acquiring a reputation for fast sprinting. During the last few evenings an unknown man, believed to be a tramp, is reported to have chased a number of girls and women in Thorn, Bank and Boundary streets at night, but so far has been outrun by his intended victims. The male residents and police of the borough are prepared to give "Jack, the Chaser" a hot reception if he is captured.

Food eaten without appetite remains undigested, causing Heartburn, Flatulency, Indigestion and Dyspepsia.

To cure these ailments the Bitters is strongly recommended by physicians. Try it, also get our 1904 Almanac from your druggist. It is free.

A MAN
Always feels well dressed if his suit is pressed right—
DICKSON, The Tailor, does it right.
429 Wood St.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN ARE SEVERELY BURNED

In Attempting to Rescue Her Babies, Mrs. Jennie Parlo Receives Awful Injuries.

In attempting to prevent her two small children from being burned to death last evening, Mrs. Jennie Parlo of River avenue, Braddock, was herself badly burned and the house was badly damaged by the fire that resulted. The injured are:

MRS. JENNIE PARLO, aged 30; burned about the face, arms and body.

JOHN PARLO, aged 7; two-thirds of his body burned. Taken to McKeesport hospital; will die.

MARY PARLO, aged 5; burned about the arms and body.

The children were playing in a second story room when the little girl's dress took fire from the stove. The boy attempted to beat out the flames and his clothing ignited. The screams of the children attracted their mother, who was working in the lower portion of the house, and she ran to their rescue.

The rug on the floor was in flames when she reached the room and she picked this up to smother the burning clothing on the children, when her own clothing took fire. Screams attracted the neighbors, who, after tearing the burning clothing off the mother and children, sent in an alarm of fire and summoned Dr. Albert Kornach, who dressed their burns and had the boy removed to the hospital.

Importing Women for Wives.

Frank Spadafore, an Italian, was fined $50 by Magistrate Thomas D. Stewart at Central police station yesterday on a charge of being a suspicious person. Spadafore was arrested on Tuesday near his home in Dante alley by Special Officer Peter Angelio. At the hearing Officer Angelio alleged that Spadafore has been importing Italian women and selling them to his compatriots for wives at $75 and $100.

Christmas Dinner for Homeless Ones.

Providence mission of 343 Second avenue, near Smithfield street, proposes to use its commodious hall in giving a free Christmas dinner to 75 or 100 homeless ones. The corps of Christian girl workers regularly employed by this mission will look after the guests, assisted by women volunteers from the several churches.

LOCAL CAPITALISTS IN BIG MERGER

International Mahogany Co. Formed to Develop Immense Tracts in Mexico and Cuba.

HAVE CAPITAL OF $3,500,000

Pittsburghers are largely interested in a new corporation, the International Mahogany Company, which has been formed by the union of the three largest mahogany companies in the United States, of which the International Mahogany and Trading Company of this city was one. All the preliminaries of the new combination have been decided on and the merger becomes effective in January.

The new company will have a capital of $3,500,000. The International Mahogany and Trading Company of this city last spring purchased a tract of 500,000 acres on the Usamacinta river, in Mexico. The property has a river frontage of over 40 miles and has a very heavy growth of mahogany, Spanish cedar, cabinet and dye woods, chicle gum trees and rubber trees. The initial investment of the company was $1,500,000. In addition to this immense tract, the new company has taken over the 60,000-acre tract of Louis M. Moraques of Mobile, Ala., which is located near the northern boundary of Cuba, around Caibarien. This is said to be the finest tract of virgin mahogany in the world, and the land is also well wooded with Spanish cedar. The third concern included in the merger is the American Mahogany Company, the largest shippers of mahogany in this country, whose main offices are in Brooklyn.

The new company will have its headquarters in New York, with branch offices in Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. It has already contracted for a cut of 1,000,000 feet of mahogany on the Mexican property this year and will soon place large contracts in Cuba. The Mexican timber is cut by the natives and floated down the Usamacinta river to Frontero or Laguna, on the gulf of Mexico, whence it is shipped either abroad or to ports in this country to be worked up. A survey of the land in Mexico is now being made with a view to developing the immense resources of rubber on the tract. As fast as the land is cleared it will be laid out in rubber and sugar plantations. In Cuba a railroad 12 miles long will be built this winter and next year the land that has been cleared will be used for sugar and tobacco plantations. The American Mahogany Company has been foremost in the trade in this country for years, and it is the intention of the new company to make New York the great distributing point for the lumber.

Dr. J. M. Douthett of this city, formerly president of the International Mahogany and Trading Company, will be second vice president of the new company. C. G. Alton will be assistant treasurer and financial agent and John R. Wheeler will be solicitor. Other Pittsburghers on the board of directors are John M. Lyon, auditor of freight receipts of the Pennsylvania lines; A. L. Johnson, Pittsburgh manager for Parke, Davis & Co., wholesale druggists; William G. Costian of the Pittsburgh Screw and Bolt Company and Dr. D. W. Frye of Hazelwood.

The other officers of the company are: President, Robert Laidlaw of Cincinnati; first vice president and treasurer, Louis M. Moraques of Mobile; secretary and assistant auditor, William Farnum of Brooklyn; general manager, George F. Montgomery of Brooklyn; resident Mexican manager, William H. Alton of Mexico City.

A TOUR OF THE SLUMS.

Scenes of Wretchedness and Misery Encountered in Pittsburgh By the Tenement Inspector.

Next Sunday the readers of The Sunday Gazette will have an opportunity to learn how the other half lives in Pittsburgh. Mrs. M. B. Renshaw, the brilliant newspaper writer, made a tour of the slum districts of the city with the tenement inspector, and her graphic description of the conditions surrounding the poor and the outcast in this great city will be a revelation of extreme wretchedness and misery, such as the average citizen never dreamed of.

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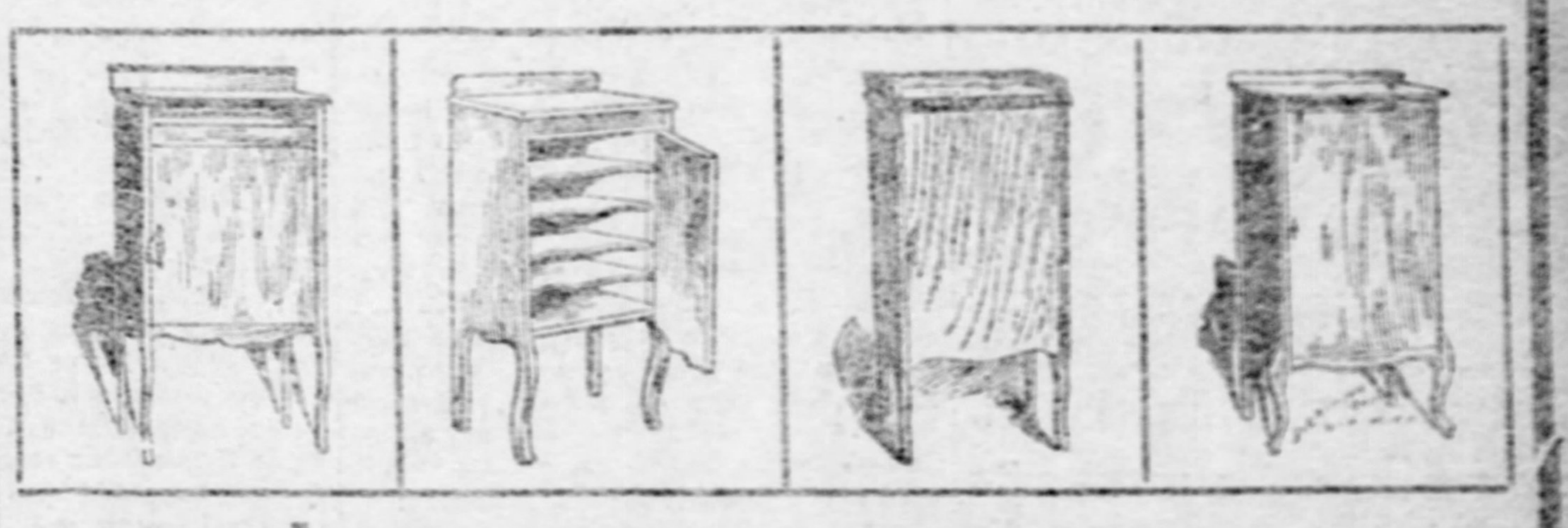

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Thursday, December 17, 1903.

Dr. Mallory's discovery of a minute animal organism in connection with scarlatina may prove very valuable. Then again, it may not. Dr. Mallory makes no other claim than that he has discovered an asexual protozoon that appears to regularly accompany one of the most dreaded of diseases. That is a matter of great scientific interest. It may lead to something valuable in combating the malady; it may not. Discovery of the specific bacterial or protozoic germ of a disease is one thing; discovery of the remedy is another. Most of the serums prepared on the toxic theory are worthless and an element of danger accompanies their use. Scarlatina may prove an exception to the rule, but it will be wise to not count any chickens in this incubator until they are hatched.

Referring to the efforts being made in Ohio to create opposition to President Roosevelt, William S. Cappeller, former chairman of the Ohio Republican state committee, says editorially in his paper that there is nothing in it. Ohio, he declares, stands pat on the resolution adopted by the late convention and that there is now a stronger popular sentiment than ever in favor of the president's renomination. Mr. Cappeller is well known in Ohio as a man who is close to the people and always in touch with popular sentiment. What he says upon politics carries weight, and what he says about Ohio and Roosevelt carries the stamp of sincerity and conviction. We have suspected all along that the alleged Ohio disaffection was a manufactured article not protected by any tariff.

The meetings about to take place at which prices will be established upon standard products in iron and steel will probably have an important effect upon the industrial situation. The indications are that the present depression is only temporary and is largely the result of postponements of undertakings because of labor troubles and business uncertainties. The prospect for the future is not to be inferred from immediate conditions, but from the general situation. A cold snap arrests drainage on the watersheds of rivers, and reduces their flow, and yet it is a certainty that all the accumulation retained by the cold must eventually pour into the regular channels. It is the same way with the industrial situation. A great amount of business has been held up, but it is not extinguished, and when conditions are favorable it will begin to move and be very apt to come with such a rush as to strain all the capacity of iron and steel production which the country possesses. Nothing can be more certain than that the present depression is of a transitory character and that under-production rather than over-production is what is really to be apprehended as the general characteristic of the present decade.

The pointed reference made to the Servian assassinations in the speech of the Emperor Francis Joseph is evidence of the abiding horror and detestation with which that event has impressed Europe. The speech from the throne is always prepared with great deliberation, and every word is weighed. When, therefore, the emperor of Austria-Hungary refers to the change of dynasty in Servia as having "been brought about by a crime which must fill every civilized being with horror," it is the strongest conceivable reproach which could be directed against the present regicide government of Servia. Even if "the moral regeneration" which the emperor hopes for Servia is accomplished many years must intervene before Servia regains moral influence or dignity in its international relations. Apart from this the speech is chiefly notable for its emphatic declaration in favor of the triple alliance of Austria, Italy and Germany, which, although considerably affected by the new line-up of nations, still retains its importance particularly for the dual empire whose interests cannot be detached from those of Germany and Italy, and have much to gain from steady participation in the counsels of those powers. Another interesting feature of the speech is the evidence it affords of the enhanced importance of the personal influence of European sovereigns since King Edward's accession to the throne and the marked results which have attended his personal activity.

Colombia is so lacking in facilities of communication with the rest of the world that its government appears to be never in touch with the actual situation, and the acts of the home government are as apt to give the lie to the professions which its representatives abroad are making in its interest. Thus, while Gen. Reyes is laboring in Washington at the impossible task of persuading our government that Colombia means well and all the troubles have arisen from unfortunate misunderstandings now removed, the mails are bringing in convenient proofs of Colombia's deliberate perfidy. The report of the Colombian senate on the bill authorizing President Marroquin to negotiate a new treaty has arrived at Washington. It sets forth that as the treaty had been rejected, the French company had no longer a right to sell its property, but must finish the work by October next. Since this was impossible, the Colombian government "will become the owner without cost and can make more advantageous terms." The extension of the franchise for which the French company paid $1,000,000 was thus repudiated, and it was contemplated to confiscate its property and get the $40,000,000 which the United States was to pay for it. And yet there are people in the United States who sympathize with this gang of brigands and think our government should have used its power to make the people of Panama subject to their tyranny!

After Turkey Again.

Despite Turkish representations that Consul Davis was to blame in the trouble at Alexandretta, the cabled results of Minister Leishman's investigation of the affair have convinced the government that Davis has been wronged. Minister Leishman has been instructed to demand satisfaction of the porte, and meantime orders have issued for one of the warships at Beirut to convey Consul Davis to Alexandretta and reinstall him in the consulate.

It is not at all probable that drastic action of this kind would be taken if the government was not fully satisfied that Consul Davis was wronged by the Turkish authorities. The dispatch of a warship to Alexandretta with the consul implies a readiness to compel respect for American officials and citizens, and, if necessary, to land a force to establish order in Alexandretta. Thus it appears while it has the Turkish situation in hand it will teach the Turks a proper lesson in the treatment of foreign official agents and foreigners generally. The powers of Europe impressed that lesson long ago by means similar to those now adopted by the United States. At the beginning of the Macedonian insurrection, however, Russia was compelled to send a fleet to secure reparation for the murder of a vice consul. These demonstrations are necessary only with Turkey, where fanaticism persistently rises superior to all considerations of polity. The situation has ever been made worse by the belief of Turkey that the European powers were too much afraid of each other to go the length in demanding civilized treatment. The United States, the Turks may soon learn, is not hampered by the jealousies of Europe.

Historic Anniversary.

This is the centennial anniversary of the Louisiana purchase, and the day will be observed by an elaborate celebration in New Orleans and less demonstrations elsewhere throughout the magnificent territory embraced in that purchase. It is to commemorate this important event in national history that the world's fair at St. Louis will be held, the original intention being to have that exposition open this year.

By treaty in 1795, Spain acknowledged American possession of all lands north of the thirty-first parallel of latitude and west to the Mississippi and gave the American people the right to navigate that river. This treaty was not carried into effect until 1799. Talleyrand, then French minister for foreign affairs, was alarmed at the concessions made by Spain to the United States, and at once made representations at Madrid, the upshot being a negotiation for a concession to France of East and West Florida and Louisiana. Napoleon's coup d'etat interrupted the negotiations and Talleyrand fell from power. When Napoleon recalled Talleyrand to his old post they were resumed, and on October 1, 1800, Charles of Spain signed a secret treaty returning to Napoleon the Louisiana given by France to Spain in 1763. Soon afterward the intendant at New Orleans denied the use of the river to Americans, in violation of the treaty of 1795, and there was a hot demand in Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee for war.

It was then that President Jefferson asked congress for $2,000,000 with which to buy West Florida, New Orleans and all the east bank of the Mississippi. Talleyrand tried to prevent the sale. James Monroe—afterward the author of the famous "doctrine"—was sent to Paris to aid Minister Livingston. They went over Talleyrand's head to Napoleon, who offered to sell the whole of the Louisiana territory; the bargain was made and afterward the treaty was ratified by the senate and congress appropriated the necessary $15,000,000. All that is stirring history, and Jefferson's part in it is as eternally creditable to him as his connection with the Declaration of Independence.

While this day is being celebrated it is of more than casual interest to compare this acquisition of an imperial domain with recent events in American history. Jefferson, Monroe and Livingston did not have to contend with a senate actuated wholly by selfish interest and usurping the powers of all government by the device of unlimited talk. If they had the Louisiana territory might not have become a part of the United States. Monroe and Livingston exceeded their orders, but the president and congress indorsed their judgment. To no part of the country is the Panama canal more important than to the Louisiana purchase, and its people may find it convenient today to express their opinion of another administration as ardently American as that of Thomas Jefferson, or the later one of James Monroe.

Business Straws.

A significant feature noted in the iron market is the fact that sales of foundry coke exceed those for the same time last year. Foundry coke is an important item. Moreover, sales of foundry coke indicate the probable demand for foundry iron in the near future and the larger volume of sales shows that foundrymen do not anticipate a decrease of activity in their line. The foundry demand for iron aggregates about 6,000,000 tons annually, or about one-third of the total production of pig.

This is but one of many straws indicating the course of trade winds. In many lines there has been a holding back of orders in expectation of lower prices. This expectation is, apparently, to be realized if the reductions of wages announced are not misleading indicators. But when prices have been lowered and firmly fixed business will come out again.

Aside from the coke, iron and steel markets, there is a favorable business sign in the holiday shopping. This has not been quite up to last year's standard for the first two weeks of December, for the people of large incomes have not been buying so freely. But it is a large trade and it must have an influence upon business conditions because it is putting money into circulation. A good many millions of people in this country hoard money before the holidays, some of them for months before, and at this season they return their hoards to the ordinary channels of circulation.

A Fortunate Escape.

An address made in New York city on Tuesday evening by Francis B. Loomis, assistant secretary of state, sheds light on a phase of the isthmian situation and on the events leading up to it that would be full justification of the course of the United States government in recognizing the new republic of Panama if there was not sufficient else to justify it. The relation of France to the course of Colombia with regard to the Panama canal has been given scant consideration by the people, but Assistant Secretary Loomis makes it clear that the state department has been alive to the dangers into which Colombia was plunging, dragging the United States with it, because of the obligations this nation has assumed in the promulgation of and adherence to the Monroe doctrine, and because of the special obligation of the United States to protect traffic across the isthmus and keep a pathway open for commerce. The Panama canal is an enterprise financed by citizens of the French republic. The investment was made under a French charter, and concessions were granted to the corporation by the government of Colombia with a time limit that had been extended for a term of years. As has been explained in these columns, it was proposed by the Colombian politicians after rejection of the canal treaty with the United States, to annul the extension of time granted to the French company and to repossess themselves of the canal concession for trading purposes, without granting compensation. It would have been confiscation pure and simple.

It is inconceivable that France would have stood idly by while Frenchmen were robbed of $40,000,000, for that is what it would have amounted to, as the United States had agreed to pay that sum for property that Colombia was preparing to take without payment. If events had progressed to this point, instead of being directed on a new course by revolution, this government and people would have been placed in a very awkward situation between the wrongdoing of Colombia and the aggressive course the French government would have taken to protect the rights of Frenchmen. The impossibility of defending Colombia in its freebooting course, and the impossibility of permitting a French occupation of the canal strip, would have created a situation so difficult that the uprising in Panama is made to appear something in the nature of a dispensation of Providence.

In view of the semi-official confirmation by Assistant Secretary Loomis of facts that were already known, it is apparent that the United States escaped grave international complications by accepting the new order of things on the isthmus. The administration of President Roosevelt has shown wisdom throughout in this Panama affair, as each fresh development proves.

The thoughtful man is not misled by the seeming conflict in the news reports from the far east. One day they tell it that "peace is assured," and if they declare the next day that troops are being massed by Russia and concentrated by Japan, while both are daubing war paint on their battleships and torpedo boats, it simply means that each power is willing to fight for peace. Therefore, peace ought to be even more assured.

Champion Jeffries declares that he will relinquish the championship of the prize ring rather than fight a negro. However, one excuse is as good as another, so far as most people are concerned.

Senator Heyburn of Idaho, wants the United States to annex San Domingo. Perhaps he thinks this is the only way the revolution on the island can be stopped long enough to be counted.

Someone ought to send Mr. Bryan a marked copy of the story from Tokyo telling how fatal it is in Persia to quaff coffee from a golden cup.

The weather man has arranged to have the slippery side of the pavement up, probably to find out whether sinners can stand thereon.

The Christmas shoppers may not own the town, but they will before midnight of December 24, at the pace they are traveling.

There is a cheerful acceptance of the view that a wage reduction beats discontinuance of wages by a large majority.

As Attorney General Knox sees it, a combination in restraint of trade is a combination in restraint of trade.

Secretary Root makes clear his belief that Gen. Wood is the right sort to make room for at the top.

The circumstance that Christmas this year is on Friday brings no respite to the turkey.

The election of a Democratic mayor in Boston carries no electoral votes with it.

Of Course.

Our Pittsburgh Republican contemporaries are all in favor of the nomination of President Roosevelt at Chicago next year, though they much preferred he should be nominated at Pittsburgh.—Philadelphia Press.

The Quiet Observer.

ERASMUS WILSON.

Who knows not pain, knows not, alas!
What pleasure is—Who knows not so of
The bitter cup that will not pass,
Knows not the taste of love.
O, souls that thirst, and hearts that fast,
And natures faint with famishing,
God lift and lead and safely bring
You to your own at last!
—James Whitcomb Riley.

And we are the agents whom God hath chosen to distribute His blessings to all who may need them.

Have you ever thought of this when praying for the blessings of heaven to fall abundantly on the poor, the disconsolate, and the thoughtless?

The blessings are ready and waiting for you to take, and to carry to those who need and deserve them. It is no fault of heaven that all are not fat and full and happy, but the fault of those whose duty it is to distribute its blessings, one of whom you are and each of us.

What if we should prove unfaithful or unfit agents of heaven in this matter?

Hadn't we better stop and think a bit right here? Surely it will go hard with us if the want and suffering around us should go unrelieved on account of our negligence and our unfaithfulness to the trust confided in us by heaven.

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A meeting was recently held in town
To help the poor. Good Mister Brown
Arose, and made a splendid oration
About the present business stagnation,
And he said, for his part, he could not see
What caused the depression and misery
Of the unemployed, and prayed before long
The weak might triumph over the strong.

Deacon White came forward 'midst loud applause,
And made a speech on effect and the cause;
Then old Judge Green spoke on tariff and tin,
The political parties, out and in.
Prof. Wilson talked of the ocean
Seen on Mars, and perpetual motion;
They talked of everything—of the weather,
Science, art, taxes, free wool and leather.

A wise old farmer said never a word,
But listened and smiled at all that he heard;
When they got through, he stepped out to the front
Of the platform, and said, "Perhaps I'm blunt,
But talk is cheap, and you're all great scholars,
The speeches is fine, but where's the dollars?
Now here is fifty—it's money they need,
Fine speeches and talk make mighty poor feed!"
—Henry Coyle, in Springfield Republican.

Dear Quiet Observer:—Last night, owing to your fervent appeal, I resurrected an old scrap book and found the "Don't Forget the Potatoes," poem. Also another just as good, if not better, entitled, "Town Meeting," which I enclose, even though I cannot now obtain the "everlasting gratitude" I hoped to claim for the other copy.

Several years ago in endeavoring to furnish a copy of the poem called "Beautiful Hands" asked for by another subscriber to another publication, I discovered that there were almost a dozen poems so entitled, and on virtually the same subject, and all more or less good. Finally it appeared that the poem desired was by your "Fidus Achates, James Whitcomb Riley." I now have a collection of "Beautiful Hands."

I think "Town Meeting" bears quite a resemblance to the potatoes poem, don't you? But I have two old-timers, better than either: "An Appeal to the Sextant of the Meeting House for Fewer Air," and "Our Minister's Sermon." Do you happen to recall them? Their only fault is their lengthiness. They would take up nearly your whole column.

I lost a pet clipping some years ago that I've never come across since. It was called "Fishin'," and is a monologue of a brave boy fishing in a ghost-haunted solitude, and the results thereof. Someone might win my "everlasting gratitude" by producing it. V. H. E.

Verona, Pa.

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Dear Quiet Observer:—I, too, could have furnished you with the poem, "Prayer and Potatoes," but I have been so busy dealing out the potatoes that I'm afraid I almost forgot to pray; at least there were so many in need of potatoes that I did not have the time to search my scrap book for the much wanted poem.

But I hope those of us who have it hidden between the lids of our scrap books may get it out and paste it up in the most frequented place in our homes that it may be the means of opening our bins and our hearts and helping the good Lord answer the prayers of many dear old ladies who are sorely in need of potatoes. What doth it profit?

And now Mr. Quiet Observer, as I too enjoy this column, may I ask if some of your readers can supply from their music cabinets, "Lincoln's Requiem," the chorus of which is:

Toll the bell solemnly,
Toll the bell slow,
Toll the bell prayerfully,
Toll the bell low.
The chief of the land is taken away
A nation in grief is mourning today.

ANOTHER NEW BRIGHTON LADY.

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Dear Quiet Observer:—I send you a copy of the poem entitled, "The Potatoes." It has has been in my possession about 30 years, and was a favorite recitation for the girls at the country literary society and last days at school when I was young.

I have always regretted losing an old poem that began something like this:

Two armies covered hill and plain,
Where Rappahannock's waters
Ran deeply crimsoned with the stain
Of battles' recent slaughters.

The armies were the Blue and Gray. It was evening. The bands were playing alternately until one struck up, "Home, Sweet Home." While they listened to the strains they forgot they were bitter enemies, but became for the time a band of brothers.

This is as I remember it, and I hope some one can give it in full, and that you can find room for it in your column. A. W. E.

Lowellville, O.

Still they come.

And let 'em come. It shows the goodness of heart behind the deed, which is the better part.

Every mail brings copies of "Prayer and Potatoes." If only the needy poor could receive potatoes as freely and as cheerfully, there would be at least a few more comfortable stomachs.

Anyway it shows there are lots of great hearts in the world yet, and leads to the conclusion that if the good feeling that exists among the people could be distributed equally amongst all there would be enough to go around and make everyone feel good.

But, isn't that object and mission of the Christian religion? It teaches that instead of bunching goodness and good feeling, let it be distributed. Instead of insisting on the fat and well fed attending your feast go into the hedges and by-ways and bid the poor and ill-fed to join you in good feeling and good fellowship. Then you need have no fear of your grub being picked over by finnicky fingers or of unfavorably criticised and chewed over afterward.

Give when and where needed and you will feel all the better because you have made others feel better.

Yes, there is good feeling enough to go around, with more left over than there was at the beginning.

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Dear Quiet Observer:—I find in an old music book the song "Juanita." The words were written by the Hon. Mrs. Norton and the music arranged by T. G. May. The words, as I have them, follow:

Soft o'er the fountain
Lingering falls the southern moon
Far o'er the mountain
Breaks the day—too soon.
In thy dark eyes' splendor
Where the warm light loves to dwell,
Weary looks, yet tender,
Speak their fond farewell.

Nita, Juanita,
Ask thy soul if we should part,
Nita, Juanita,
Lean thou on my heart.

When in thy dreaming
Moons like these shall shine again
And daylight beaming,
Prove thy dreams are vain,
Will thou not, relenting
For thine absent lover sigh?
In thy heart consenting
To a prayer gone by.
(Chorus.)

MRS. M.

Connellsville, Pa.

Must Be Considered.

Pushers of the German boom have no idea what a large voting population there is west of the Allegheny mountains.—Chicago News.

Talked of in New York

GEORGE C. JENKS.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Juvenile crime is one of the evils that seem to grow to abnormal proportions in New York city. There are precocious wrongdoers in all communities, but the boys and girls in their early teens, and even much younger, who commit burglaries, "hold-ups" and other felonies which are usually regarded as the prerogative of adult rascaldom appear to be more numerous here than anywhere else. Perhaps Chicago should be excepted. Even New York has not reached the point of suffering youthful desperadoes to blaze away with pistol and rifle through windows at people, for the sake of robbery. There are thugs here, such as the "Cherry Hill gang" and the assassins of Chatham Square, but they are nearly old enough to vote, in most instances.

The infantile depredations prevailing in New York are exemplified in the case of the two young girls arrested in Washington yesterday who confess that they have robbed 150 schools in this city. Decent looking misses, by all accounts, they have systematically plundered schools for months, and apparently they are rather proud of their exploits. Boy highwaymen exist here. A gang of lads still wearing knickerbockers have been in the habit of attacking other boys, and even men, in one of the most densely populated respectable neighborhoods in the city—Lexington avenue, in the eighties. In Brooklyn two young women have been stopped, assaulted and robbed within a week by mere boys, while similar assaults can be heard of at intervals in every quarter of the great city. It is the day—or night—of the juvenile felon. In many cases the perpetrators of these deeds are amateurs, who are simply carried along on the tide of boy-and-girl rascality that sweeps up and down New York. The police are busy trying to stem the torrent, but the whoops of callow laughter that mock them on all sides set them at defiance, while the evil doing goes right on.

Old Things Are Indulged.

It is often remarked that New York city endures more old-fashioned inconveniences than would be tolerated in any progressive town of 2,000 or 3,000 population. One of these notorious archaicisms commented on by every stranger is the old horse cars that rumble along streets and avenues where electric cars of modern pattern might be reasonably expected. Another is the wretched accommodation for human beings on many of the ferryboats. Men and women are forced to herd with horses and wagons in the rush hours, and only constant vigilance and undignified agility keep passengers from being crushed to death. Now and then an unfortunate man is not quick enough in getting out of the way, and then there is a job for the coroner. Such a case occurred yesterday. A man on his way home to Brooklyn was smashed against the outer wall of the cabin by a heavy truck, and his chest battered in. He was dead when they picked him up. There are one or two railroad companies running double-decked ferryboats, but most of the ancient craft in the harbor are merely death traps. But then, "New Yorkers are the most good-natured people in the world," so what does it matter?

Turning Light on Dynamiters.

How to deal with dynamiters continues to be one of the liveliest questions presented to contractors and the police. New buildings which have been threatened by explosives within the last week are to be illuminated by powerful arc lights, according to some of the contractors. It is a recognized fact that there is nothing so abhorent to the midnight marauder as a strong light. Incidentally, the labor unions are indignantly disclaiming any connection with the dynamite outrages, either as organizations, or through any of their members.

Dainty Little Affairs at "Del's."

If there is anything in which your dyed-in-the-wool New Yorker is more interested than his own city, it is London. So a charming young woman from the south, Miss Anne Vernon Dorsey, who gave a presentation of London high life 100 years ago at Delmonico's last night had an appreciative audience, as well as a large audience. These little entertainments, "different from the rest," are always successful in Manhattan, if they have inherent merit. Miss Dorsey wears a simple frock and a dainty cap, and smiles in a friendly way as she introduces herself. Then she talks about Tom Moore, Sydney Owenson (who became Lady Morgan), Swift, Sheridan, Goldsmith and other poets and dinner-table wits of the period, until the atmosphere of 1802, or thereabouts, completely drives out the piercingly modern flavor that usually pervades "Del's." The affair has created a furore in the smart set, and Miss Dorsey will repeat her entertainment on Friday. A new sensation just before Christmas is worth many golden guineas to the people of upper Fifth avenue.

An Auxiliary to "Parsifal."

That good old Wagnerian, Henry E. Krehbiel, who has lectured more than once in Pittsburgh, told a large assemblage in Mendelssohn hall last night something about "Parsifal." With the aid of Mr. Hertz, who will conduct the performance of that work at the Metropolitan next Thursday evening, Mr. Krehbiel threw many interesting sidelights on the great music-drama, and the evening was an instructive as well as pleasant one. Mr. Hertz, at the piano, illustrated the talk with the skill of a master. He is as thoroughly saturated with Wagner as is Krehbiel himself. It is rumored that the lecture will be given in Pittsburgh just before "Parsifal."

Paterson Courts Trouble.

One would think that, after all the trouble Paterson has had with floods, every precaution would be taken to prevent a repetition of that kind of calamity. Yet there was a bursting dam yesterday, with a large part of a Paterson suburb a sheet of ice today. The peculiar feature of it is that there was a public protest against the flimsiness of the structure while it was in course of construction.

Are Soldiers in Any Color.

That swell body of citizen-soldiers, the Seventh regiment of New York is holding a discussion on uniforms. The laws of the state require the members to wear a service uniform of olive-drab while engaged in riot duty or in camp. The distinctive uniform of the Seventh regiment is gray—very attractive, especially to the feminine soul. Some unkind persons outside of the regiment have predicted that the Seventh's men would be broken-hearted if they had to put off their pretty gray clothes to march forth in the serviceable olive-drab. As soon as this idea got abroad it found its way into the armory of the Seventh regiment, and there were all kinds of protests. The truth seems to be that the regiment, while made up largely of wealthy men, is just as willing to put on a service uniform when there is serious business in hand, as the captain of a battleship is to discard its white paint of peace for the somber coat that presages war in earnest.

Pittsburghers in New York.

The following Pittsburghers are registered at the New York hotels today:

Waldorf-Astoria.
H. Du Puy.
A. C. Overholt.
W. P. Snyder.
J. B. McGinley.

Holland.
Fitzhugh C. Speer.
J. F. Easterbrook.
L. C. Bihler.
George E. McCaugh.
J. C. Langan.
W. R. Balsinger.
J. G. Holmes.
Mrs. Holmes.
Arthur V. Davis.
H. P. Bope.
A. M. Harper.
H. E. Lineaweaver.
James H. Park.
Mrs. Park.
W. C. Temple.

Netherland.
Miss Guffey.
Miss Paulette Guffey.

Manhattan.
O. F. Greim.
M. W. Bakewell.
D. C. Bakewell.
Colbert A. McClure.
Mrs. McClure.
Mrs. W. T. Edwards.
Mrs. P. D. Perchment.
Mrs. E. H. Utley.
E. E. Kimmey.

Imperial.
L. C. Sands.
Joseph Rauh.
Miles Cunningham.
Ralph Westbrook.
W. P. Scoville.
Mrs. Scoville.
Charles W. Scovel.
C. F. Reddon.
Charles G. Schade.

Grand.
Henry Hall.

Fifth Avenue.
J. H. Fanwell.
W. E. Yeager.
Nellie M. Brown.

Hoffman.
Thomas Neely.

Vendome.
A. Mally.
T. Mally.
A. R. Fisher.
Mrs. Fisher.

Criterion.
J. A. Adams.
Mrs. Adams.
J. A. Conners.

Park Avenue.
Mrs. E. S. Aiken.
Miss R. T. Aiken.

Victoria.
W. A. Allen.
P. P. Kerin.
James W. Eagan.

Kensington.
S. S. Marvin.

St. Denis.
F. A. Steward.

Herald Square.
E. V. Hays.
Mrs. Hays.
C. W. Johnson.
Mrs. Johnson.
R. L. Thompson.

Earlington.
E. Mills.
Mrs. Mills.

Broadway Central.
F. C. Waddell.
C. E. Gibbon.
J. D. Chavenger.
C. W. Greer.

Continental.
George S. King.

The Nation's Capital.

L. W. STRAYER.

[By Private Wire to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—A party of congressmen was seated in the office of the clerk of the house today discussing men and measures when the conversation drifted around to the question of congress salaries in general and the pending bill which provides for an increase of 50 per cent in particular. Said one representative of long service and experience: "The proposition to increase the salaries of senators and representatives is right and just and nearly every member of the house favors the pending bill, but not one-half of them would vote for it. The reason is that they are afraid to. The howl of salary grab would go up and they would not care to take the chances of its defeating them."

This view was generally indorsed by those present. It is the popular opinion that the salaries of congressmen should be increased. It requires real economy for a member to get through on the $5,000 a year that is paid at present and the fact that many of the members of both branches are wealthy men who are not dependent upon their salary does not alter the fact. A reasonable view of the matter is that the remuneration should be large enough so that a poor man can serve in congress without making a financial sacrifice.

Burden Is on the Senate.

The bill that is pending was introduced in the senate by Mr. Gallinger of New Hampshire and provides "that on and after the fourth day of March, 1904, the salaries of senators, representatives and delegates in congress shall be $7,500 per annum." This is an increase of 50 per cent over the salaries paid now and it would be welcomed by the members of congress. It is well that the initiative in this matter is taken by the senate. Since it relieves the representatives of this responsibility and as they are obliged to go before the voters of their respective districts every two years for an accounting they would prefer that the senate, which is not compelled to answer to the people direct for their acts, make the first move.

It was back in the forty-third congress in 1873 that a bill was passed making the salaries of representatives and senators $7,500, the same as is proposed in Senator Gallinger's bill, and it was the protest that went up throughout the country over the enactment of this bill that retired many ambitious statesmen to private life from which they never emerged. But the trouble with that bill was that it was retro-active and gave to congressmen back pay and this is what stirred up all the trouble. And in those days $5,000 was much larger salary comparatively than it is now, so that many of the objections could be avoided at this time. In the succeeding congress the salary was put back at $5,000 and has remained there ever since, there never having been another serious attempt to raise it, although a number of bills to that effect have been introduced from time to time.

Some Members Are Modest.

There seems to be little probability of this subject being considered at this session since it would scarcely be called good politics to raise the congressional scale of wages just before a general election, but in the next session, it is considered, it will likely be amended so as to make the new salary schedule take effect with the fifty-ninth congress. A number of members who were spoken to today said that they would vote for a bill of this kind, but with the proviso that it should not effect this congress. They argued that as they had accepted nomination and election with the understanding that they were to receive $5,000 a year, it would not be right to increase this remuneration. Thus the watermelon lies right before the congressmen and their power, but they hesitate to carve it.

Cabinet Poorly Paid.

Another move toward increasing salaries has been made by Representative Loudenslager of New Jersey, who has introduced a bill which raises the salary of the vice president to $25,000 a year. At present the vice president and the members of the cabinet receive an annual salary of $8,000, which is generally admitted to be far below the sum they should be paid. The president calls into his official family men of prominence and ability, most of whom would be able to earn a much larger income than is paid them by the government. The mere suggestion that such a man—Attorney General Knox for instance—give his entire time and ability to the government for $8,000 a year is unreasonable, since that amount would scarcely be more than a month's earnings from his law practice.

The same applies to such men as Secretary Moody and Secretary Root, as well as other members of the cabinet. It is a well-known fact that more than one cabinet officer has resigned because he had no private income and was unable to live up to his position in Washington on the salary that was attached to his office. There are certain social features called with the office of vice president and with cabinet position that require a good sum of money to sustain, and it is believed that such a bill as that introduced by Mr. Loudenslager, if pushed, will have no serious opposition. However, it is not likely that it will be passed at the present session for the same reasons of policy that would deter the members of congress from increasing their own salaries. With the presidential election coming on, the word has gone forth that expenses must be held down and the frills trimmed off.

All Praise for Mr. Knox.

Attorney General Knox was besieged today with congratulations upon the masterly argument that he made yesterday before the supreme court in the Northern Securities case. His effort is the talk of Washington, and on every hand can be heard comments all in the same laudatory tone.

At his office in the department of justice many friends called to personally compliment him, and others sent their messages of good will over the wire, and through the mail. At the cabinet meeting today the attorney general's colleagues joined with the president in words of high praise and commendation. In short, the speech of Mr. Knox yesterday was probably the culmination of his professional career and it is unlikely that such an opportunity should come to a man more than once in a lifetime and with this brought before him the attorney general has the satisfaction of knowing that he accomplished his task with great credit to himself and to the administration. Pittsburgh has reason to be proud of having contributed such brilliant legal talent to President Roosevelt's cabinet.

Eloquence Returns to Senate.

Visitors who were fortunate enough to be present in the senate galleries today were treated to an exhibition of oratory that has not been equalled for many years. It was real eloquence, such as resounded in the halls of congress in the days of Clay, Calhoun and Webster and such as has been so much lacking, especially in the latter days. Senator Spooner of Wisconsin made a speech on the Cuban reciprocity bill that was an able defense of the measure and which sustained his title to "the Little Giant of the Senate."

His remarks were directed principally in reply to the speech made yesterday by Senator Joseph Bailey of Texas, himself a shining orator of the senate, and today Mr. Spooner certainly outspoke his former efforts. In reply Mr. Bailey made a speech predicting a brilliant future for the Democratic party and while the substance of his remarks did not carry much weight, since they were but a mere prophecy based upon the fact that the Democratic party was at one time in power, yet his delivery was splendid and his speech will rank as one of the bright oratorical gems of his career.

IT IS TO SMILE.

To err is human, and to lie about it, natural. —Life.

"There are 66 languages spoken in New York."

"I wonder if that includes the one spoken by the quick-lunch waiters?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Nature has made some queer mistakes," remarked the wise old owl.

"As, for instance?" inquired his mate.

"Well, she should have given me the swallow's plumage. It looks so much more like the conventional evening dress than mine does." —Philadelphia Ledger.

"Wait a second," she said, as she stepped into the store.

"Certainly," he replied, and when he had been uptown, looked through his mail, spent two hours on 'change, and taken luncheon at the club, he returned and found her just emerging from the door.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

The Death Roll.

The Hon. George McCormick.

The Hon. George McCormick, 75 years old, a well-known citizen of Westmoreland county, is dead at his home in Jeannette. Mr. McCormick had been a resident of Westmoreland county all his life, save for a few years spent in Wilkinsburg, recently. He was a son of John McCormick, one of the pioneers of North Huntingdon township, and was born near Larimer station, where his boyhood days were spent. Arriving at manhood, he took up the tilling of the soil as a business. He later opened a drug store at Irwin station. Afterward he engaged in house painting and followed that occupation, in a contracting way, for the greater portion of his later life. He was a member of the legislature of Pennsylvania for the session of 1889-90, and later was a United States government gauger. Mr. McCormick was a man of integrity, intelligence and geniality and his passing from earth will cause genuine sorrow to many. Since the birth of the Republican party, he had been a most enthusiastic believer in the principles of that organization. He was much devoted to the United Presbyterian church of which he had been a member since his youth. In 1850 Mr. McCormick married Miss Nancy Hamilton of Ohio, who with a daughter, Mrs. Robert J. Sims, and a son, W. L. McCormick of Jeannette, survive. J. C. McCormick, Sr., of Stewart station, and Silas and Samuel S. McCormick of Irwin, are Mr. McCormick's surviving brothers.

Mrs. Edward C. Dixon.

Mrs. Mary Ann Larkins Dixon, wife of Edward C. Dixon, of No. 423 East End avenue, died last night in the seventy-sixth year of her age, as a result of diabetes and a paralytic stroke which she suffered Tuesday. Mrs. Dixon had been ill for over five years. She was born in June, 1828, in Springfield, Blair county, Pa., and after marriage moved to Pittsburgh in 1858. Her husband is now 78 years old. He was formerly with the New York & Cleveland Gas Coal Company, from which concern he retired 10 years ago. The deceased is survived by the following children: Mrs. William P. DeArmitt, Mrs. John W. Atcheson and William L. and Clarence L. Dixon, both of whom are with the Meadow Lands Coal Company. Mrs. Dixon was a member of the South Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Wilkinsburg. The funeral services will be held at the residence on Friday at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Sophia Florig.

Mrs. Sophia Florig, after an illness covering five years, died yesterday afternoon at her home, No. 153 Frankstown avenue, of stomach complaint. She was 65 years old. The deceased was born in Chambersburg, Pa., in 1867, and was married to John Leonard Florig, deceased. She was a member of St. Peter's German Lutheran church, Collins avenue. Mrs. Florig is survived by the following children: Albert E., John L., Fred L., and Charles H.

Obituary Notes.

Mrs. C. L. Butler, aged 78, of Kittanning, Pa., is dead.

Jacob Peters, a wealthy farmer of Valley township, near Kittanning, Pa., is dead, at the age of 70, from apoplexy.

Mrs. William Hutchison, a descendant of one of the original settlers of Kittanning, Pa., is dead, aged 66. She is survived by a husband and two sons.

Mgr. Ustl, the last Spanish archbishop of Santiago, Cuba, died yesterday at Zarauz, near San Sebastian. His body will be interred there by the side of the remains of General Martinez de Campos.

Mrs. Flora B. Barr, aged 33 years, wife of Harry F. Barr, died yesterday at the family residence, No. 600 Ella street, Wilkinsburg, of pneumonia. Mrs. Barr was born in Manor 33 years ago and had lived in Wilkinsburg for several years.

Mrs. Emma Sries, aged 80, of Butler, Pa., is dead at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. Grubbs. The other children are Mrs. Baxter and Mrs. Kelly of Butler; Thomas, of Pittsburgh; William, of Wheeling; John, of Greensburg; and Lem, of Butler.

R. G. Montgomery, one of the pioneers of Butler county, is dead at the old homestead in Clinton township, near the Allegheny county line. He was 94 years old and resided with his son, Robert, on the farm which has been his home the past 60 years.

Daniel Rosenberger, a veteran of the Civil war, is dead at his residence in Valley township, Armstrong county, the result of exposure to cold. When in his own yard he was attacked by paralysis. He was unable to make his family hear and lay out all night.

The Rev. Father Daniel O'Connor, rector of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Clarksburg, W. Va., and vicar general of the Wheeling diocese, died in Washington hospital last evening after undergoing an operation for kidney trouble. He has been actively engaged in the ministry longer than any priest in that section. He has a record of 40 years.

Jesse W. Butler of Armstrong county, one of the pioneers to go to Nome, Alaska, died at the home of his brother, W. C. Butler, at Seattle, Washington, on Thanksgiving day. He had been in Alaska five years and having been successful in his mining investments, concluded to come to the states and spend the winter. He landed in Seattle November 3.

Patrick J. White, member of the house of representatives from the fourth Lackawanna district, died suddenly yesterday from heart failure. He was on board a train going to Scranton at the time, accompanied by his daughter. Mr. White was born in Ireland in 1851. For nearly 30 years he was active in Democratic politics in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties.

The Canteen System.

To the Editor of The Gazette. Sir:—Recently you gave editorial prominence to a letter recommending the re-establishment of the "army canteen," meaning by this, I presume, the re-establishment of the alcoholic drink feature of the canteens, for in fact, only that feature was abolished.

Now I wish only to give a brief word from my personal experience while a member of Battery B, Pennsylvania volunteers in the United States service at Chickamauga, Ga., 1898, in reference to this army canteen. I have spent a good portion of my life in this city and have had opportunities for observing many of the bad sides of the city saloon, but bad as the city saloon is, I have never seen anything about it to compare with the awful condition I saw there. I never remember a disturbance there excepting from drink and mostly that was canteen purchased drink. I have seen the canteen swarming with men drinking and when they became too quarrelsome and fighting amongst them seemed imminent the place would be ordered closed; then the howling mob—a menace to everybody—would be turned loose to wander about and abuse sober soldiers and fight frequently amongst themselves. After things would become quiet again then, and not till then, would the "army canteen" be opened. This was, of course, more marked when pay was distributed; at pay time, within 24 to 48 hours many of our boys in blue would be blue without and blue within, for canteen rum and beer would destroy their spirit and good temper, just as it does here.

I was witness to this compulsory closing because of imminent disturbance many times and saw about Camp Chickamauga many evidences of the debasing effects of the drink feature of the army canteen—so common were they that they were accepted almost as a necessary part of army life.

I have personal knowledge of several boys who entered the service—sober and steady—and scarcely ever from the camp; yet, the canteen liquor octopus had them so firmly entrapped that, after so short a service even they were wrecks.

Mr. Editor, if you could see the real thing I question if you would be so enthused over the return. The return of the canteen to our army will be a national calamity.

Respectfully, A. J. HESSER.

[The observations of our correspondent apply to the assembling in camp of volunteer regiments, over whom discipline is not so strict as in the regular army. But even in the case he instances, he admits that there was some exertion of control, but with the prohibition of liquor at the canteen, those who want it go where there is no supervision. The choice does not lie between liquor supply and prohibition, but between controlled and regulated supply at the canteen and a vile and unlimited supply at the groggeries which fringe military posts. The officers who are responsible for the health and discipline of the soldiers testify that the abolition of the canteen has had a bad effect, and we accept their views as decisive.—Editor's Gazette.]

PICKPOCKETS GATHERED IN

Three Men Well Known to the Police Were Arrested Inside of An Hour.

DETECTIVE DREW REVOLVER

Detectives Edward McGough and Charles Aymer rounded up three well-known pickpockets in less than an hour last night. Frank Walker, alias James Dailey, of Allegheny, was captured at the point of a revolver in a Penn avenue street car at Thirty-fourth street and Penn avenue at 8 o'clock. He was taken to the Central police station. A half hour later the same officers arrested George Hannon, alias Kid Foley, and Edward O'Brien, alias Arthur Quinn, both of Allegheny. These men were arrested in a car at Sixth street and Penn avenue after the officers chased the men on the car for two squares.

Walker was seen at the forks of the road by the officers. He recognized the detectives as soon as they saw him and jumped on a street car going out Penn avenue. Detective McGough started after him. The car was crowded and Walker was standing on the running board of the platform. He kicked at the officer as the latter was chasing to catch up with the car. Detective McGough got on the platform and pushed his revolver in Walker's body. The thief surrendered and went to the station house.

Hannon and O'Brien were walking at Ninth street and Penn avenue when seen. They jumped on a street car. The officers chased after the car and caught the men as they were about to get off. The three men are well known to the detectives throughout the United States. Foley has been arrested in this city a number of occasions.

Quinn was arrested last May in Denver, when President Roosevelt was in that city on his tour of the west. Six weeks ago a warrant was issued for him here on a charge of stealing a diamond stud out of a man's shirt in Homewood. Two railroad tickets for New York were found on the men. They were going to that city last night for the opening of the East river bridge. They were put off the train at the Union station by Detective Albert H. Swinehart of the Pennsylvania railroad. Walker is also known as the "Albany Kid." He fought hard against being arrested. He appealed to the passengers on the car to help him, saying he was going to the East End to see his dead "mother-in-law." Walker confessed he was going to New York last night. To avoid being picked up down town he left Allegheny by way of the Sharpsburg bridge to reach the Union station.

PITTSBURGH DOING WELL.

Presbyterian Home Mission Society Meeting Shows Money Given Locally.

The quarterly meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Pittsburgh and Allegheny presbyteries of the Presbyterian church was held yesterday in the First church, Allegheny, with a large attendance.

The treasurer's report shows that during last quarter the 125 churches in the Pittsburgh and Allegheny presbyteries have contributed over $3,000 to the home mission work. The quota for the Pittsburgh and Allegheny presbyteries for the silver offering now being raised is $2,200 and for the state of Pennsylvania is $8,000. The Pittsburgh and Allegheny presbyteries have already over $300 of their quota. The offering is being raised in honor of Mrs. Mary James, who has labored in the home mission field without a salary for the last 19 years. The money raised will be used to endow a school for boys in Santa Fe, Mexico. Mrs. James I. Buchanan of the East Liberty Presbyterian church made a strong appeal for liberal contributions to the fund.

The Rev. Mr. Losa of Coraopolis, who is at the head of the local work among foreigners, and the Rev. Mr. Nutting, who has spent 11 years among the Mormons in Utah, addressed the meeting.

SMALLPOX ABATING.

Supt. McLaughlin of Allegheny Bureau of Health Believes Disease Is Under Control.

Maj. James McLaughlin, superintendent of the Allegheny bureau of health, is confident that the spread of smallpox will be prevented throughout the winter. Despite the severity of the present weather, fewer cases have been reported than for months. There are 37 cases in the entire city and not a death from smallpox has occurred for 10 days.

The corps of physicians, under City Physician R. G. Burns, is working now in the big Twelfth ward, and next week will commence working west of Federal street. Last night the number vaccinated had reached almost 15,000. The officials of several big factories have in the past few days requested that physicians be sent to their works to vaccinate the men.

A negro suffering from smallpox was found lying on the courthouse steps yesterday. He was sent to the Municipal hospital.

The smallpox cases reported yesterday were Helen Mukefer, 1703 Wylie avenue; Mary Dalton, rear 6638 Rowan avenue; Charles Elliott, 1508 Wylie avenue; Celestine Heithues, Highland station.

FIRE HAS KILLED 14.

Two More Deaths Added to the Grim Record of December in This Line.

Two women died from burns in Allegheny county yesterday, making a total of 14 this month. Mrs. George Baughman, 35 years old, died at her home in Turtle Creek early yesterday morning of burns received Tuesday, and Mrs. Hedwic Madura, 5214 Dresden alley, died at St. Francis hospital as a result of burns received Monday. She was lighting a fire in a stove with oil. An explosion followed. Her 2-year-old son is still confined in the hospital from burns received.

The inquest into the death of Mrs. Hattie Shea was held yesterday. At the post-mortem examination it developed that death was due to a tumorous growth on the brain. The jury rendered a verdict confirming the finding of the post-mortem examination and recommending that William Shea, her husband, be released from jail. He had been under suspicion.

The death of Andrew Kerr at the West Penn hospital yesterday is ascribed to diabetes superinduced by hurts received at the Armstrong Cork factory fire December 7.

The Delineator for January.

Mrs. Osborn of New York city, the foremost modiste in America, contributes to the January Delineator a fashion letter, which, it is announced, will be a permanent feature of the magazine. The addition of Mrs. Osborn to the Delineator's corps of designers, artists and writers will undoubtedly increase its prestige as an authority on matters of fashion. Charming and up-to-date styles are shown in the number, and there are, besides, literary and art features of exceptional value, among them a delightful story, "The Golden Poppy," by Jack London, who has written one of the most popular books of the year, "The Call of the Wild." A description of "Parsifal," and interpretation of the theme, by W. J. Henderson, and reminiscences of the first performance at Bayreuth, by Gustav Kobbe, is illustrated by a set of remarkable photographs, the only ones ever made of the opera and now published for the first time. The introductory paper of "The Fountain of Youth," a series on personal beauty, is strikingly illustrated, and women who are in search of, or desirous of retaining, good looks will derive great benefit from it. There is also a serious paper on "The Joy of Living," by Lillie Hamilton French, serials by Albert Bigelow Paine and Gabrielle E. Jackson and much practical information for home needs.

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POKER-PLAYING CAUSED YOUNG MAN'S DOWNFALL

Kent A. Hollaway, Clerk for Crutchfield & Woolford, Commission Merchants, in Jail Charged With Embezzling $2,000.

A victim of gambling, Kent A. Hollaway, a clerk, of Allegheny, was committed to jail last night on a charge of embezzlement by Police Magistrate T. D. Stewart on the information of his employer, James S. Crutchfield, of the firm of Crutchfield & Woolford, commission merchants of Twenty-first street and the Allegheny Valley railroad. He is alleged to have misappropriated about $2,000 of the firm's money and was held in default of $3,000 bail for court. Hollaway confessed to having taken the money and said he lost it in playing poker. He is 24 years old and was in charge of the firm's stand at 19 South Diamond street, Allegheny.

Hollaway was employed by the firm as bookkeeper and cashier in the Allegheny branch and his peculations, which have extended over a period of several months, are said to aggregate over $2,000. Mr. Crutchfield said last night that to ascertain the exact amount of the embezzled money a canvass of the firm's customers will be necessary, as Hollaway's method was to take checks paid on account and cash them with the cash drawer without crediting the account on which the amount was paid.

Hollaway is a single man and has always borne an excellent reputation, having the firm's utmost confidence. He has been in the firm's employ for the last three years and during that time, until within a few months, his accounts have always been correct and far beyond suspicion.

Mr. Crutchfield is disposed to be lenient with him and stated that the young man, who admits having taken money, was the tool of designing sharps in Allegheny. Hollaway ascribes the losses to gambling, but it is Crutchfield's opinion that the young man did not play poker himself, but was induced to back some person who kept drawing on the dupe on representations that one more staking would bring out everything all right again.

That something was wrong with Hollaway's accounts was suspected several weeks ago, when he failed to return his weekly detailed reports to the main office with his usual promptness. Investigation led to disclosures showing the defalcations was extensive. Several large checks had been paid on account for which no credits were shown.

It is not clear how Halloway cashed the checks, as the firm only permits employes to place checks in the bank as deposits. It is supposed he turned them into the cash drawer and took the amount of cash out and then deposited the checks regularly.

Hollaway was arrested in the Allegheny branch on Tuesday by Detective George Cole and detained in Central station under an assumed name. When he was arrested he had on him a pair of gold and pearl mounted opera glasses of costly design. These were encased in a plush bag, which indicated that the whole outfit was the property of a young lady. Hollaway is fine looking and moved in good society, and it was intimated a young lady, a member of a prominent Allegheny family, joined in the dismay occasioned by his arrest. He lived with a mother and sister and his family is well known.

FRANCIS JOSEPH MAKES SPEECH FROM THRONE

Refers to Emperor as "My Dear Ally" and Condemns Servia.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLE TO THE GAZETTE.]

VIENNA, Dec. 16.—Emperor Francis Joseph today received the Austrian-Hungarian delegations. The speech from the throne was chiefly notable for its stronger affirmation of the emperor's determination to maintain the Dreibund.

"By a renewal of the triple alliance," he said, "this well-proved basis of our policy which we have determined to maintain henceforth, has been reconsolidated for the future." The speech referred to the death of Pope Leo, to the gratifying foreign relations of the dual monarchy and the close harmony between Austria and Russia in regard to the Balkans. The emperor said Austria and Russia had no selfish aims in the Balkans and only have in view the establishment of peace, in the interest of the whole of Europe.

After mentioning the visits of "My dear ally, the German emperor," the czar of Russia and the king of England, he continued:

"In Servia a change of dynasty has been brought about by a crime which must fill every civilized being with horror. It is to be hoped that this country, under its new ruler, may be directed toward its moral regeneration and a prosperous future."

Count Goluchowski, imperial minister for foreign affairs, in a statement to the foreign affairs committee of the Hungarian delegation this evening said the recent meeting of monarchs showed the excellent relations existing between Austria-Hungary and all foreign states.

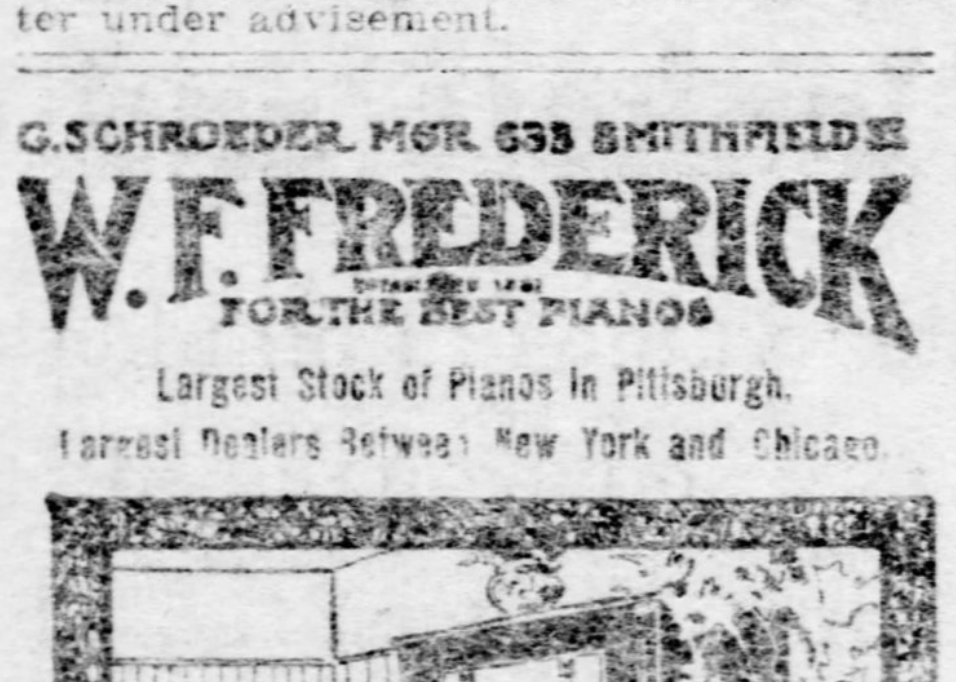
Count Golcuhowski devoted the greater part of his speech to a review of the Balkan situation. It would be useless, he said, for Turkey to endeavor to thwart the designs of the powers. Turkey would be placing her own existence in jeopardy if she failed to give loyal and sincere consideration to the demands which alone could save her from utter downfall.

Family Had Narrow Escape.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Rear Admiral Rogers, commandant of the New York navy yard, his wife, son and four servants were overcome by coal gas in the home at the yard early this morning. The rear admiral awoke with a choking sensation and, hastily flinging open the windows, he carried the members of his household to the open air and summoned assistance. All are recovering.

Gave Hearing to Railroads.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The interstate commerce commission today gave a hearing on the application made by the Erie, Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania Lines west of Pittsburgh, New York, Susquehanna & Western and the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroads for an extension of time within which to equip their cars with safety appliances. The commission took the matter under advisement.



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FUNDS WERE TRANSFERRED.

Allegheny Select Council Authorized Issue of $105,487 Bonds.

Allegheny select council consumed most of its session yesterday afternoon making transfers of funds. For the bureau of water $3,000 was transferred from item No. 1, to item No. 4, and $3,500 from item No. 5 to item No. 4. The health bureau got $10,000 more by a transfer from the contractors' claims appropriation, and half a dozen other transfers involving amounts ranging from $150 to $500 were made. Dr. Easton of the Third ward made a vigorous protest against this system of "patching things up," as he calls it.

Ordinances authorizing the issue of $21,487 Superior avenue bonds, and $84,000 worth of bonds to meet the current expenses of the bureaus of public lighting and water, were passed.

President Torrance made a speech against the passage of an ordinance compelling telephone and telegraph companies to lay its wires underground in certain sections of the city. Mr. Torrance declared he was opposed to forcing any financial worries on any corporation now.

MARRIED.

HANNIBAL—SHANNON—On Thursday, December 10, 1903, by Rev. Dr. Westwood, HAROLD E. HANNIBAL to MARGARET F. SHANNON.

DEATHS.

ADAIR—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 6:45 p. m., ROBERT ADAIR, formerly of Allegheny, in his 79th year.

Funeral services at his late residence, 313 Harrison avenue, Avalon, on Saturday, December 19, at 2 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Take Avalon car. House two doors from California avenue. Interment private.

BARR—Of pneumonia, on Wednesday, December 16, at 8:40 p. m., at her residence, 600 Ella street, corner of Rebecca street, Wilkinsburg, FLORA BERTHA (nee Goodman), the wife of Harry F. Barr, aged 33 years.

Funeral from parents' residence, at Manor, on Saturday, December 19, at 2 p. m.

(Greensburg and Apollo papers please copy.)

DIXON—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 8:40 p. m., MARY ANN, wife of Edward C. Dixon, in her 78th year.

Funeral services at her late residence, 423 East End avenue, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment private.

DONAHUE—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 3:30 p. m., at her residence, Sampson avenue, Ingram, Pa., MAY THERESA DONAHUE (nee Barnhart), wife of Jos. H. Donahue and grand-daughter of the late John Epley.

Notice of funeral later.

FAUTH—Suddenly, on Tuesday, December 15, 1903, at 3:30 a. m., HERMAN, son of Ferdement and Teresa Fauth (nee Morganthaler), in his 28th year.

Funeral from his parents' residence, 328 Jurnell street, West End, on Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock. High mass at St. Martin's church at 9 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

FLORIG—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 4:30 p. m., SOPHIA, widow of John Leonard Florig, aged 65 years.

Funeral services at her residence, 155 Frankstown avenue, East End, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

KENNEDY—On Tuesday, December 15, 1903, at 9 a. m., at parents' residence, 1208 Fayette street, Allegheny, ARTHUR MYRON, infant son of William F. and Laura Blakeslee Kennedy, aged 3 months.

Funeral services on Thursday, December 17, at 2 p. m. Interment private.

LIGHTHILL—On Tuesday, December 15, 1903, at 2 a. m., at her home, 1237 Ridge avenue, Allegheny, CAROLINE FERGUSON LIGHTHILL, wife of Charles W. Lighthill, in her 64th year.

Funeral services at her late residence on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment private.

M'CALL—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 10 a. m., at Butler, Pa., CHARLES C. M'CALL, aged 28 years.

Funeral services at the First Cumberland church, Shady avenue and Aurelia street, E. E., on Friday, December 18, at 12 o'clock noon.

M'CORMICK—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at his residence, No. 7 Magee street, Jeannette, Pa., GEORGE M'CORMICK, aged 78 years.

Funeral services at the United Presbyterian church, Irwin, Pa., Friday, December 18, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

NETELER—On Tuesday, December 15, 1903, MRS. ANNIE E. NETELER, in her 71st year.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of her cousin, Mrs. Carrie A. Hall, 5829 Holden street. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

NORRIS—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 12:30 a. m., at the family residence, 6908 Mt. Vernon street, East End, M. ELIZABETH, beloved wife of W. J. Norris, in her 31st year.

Interment at Tarentum, Pa., on Friday, December 18, at 10 a. m.

SEILING—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903 at 5:20 a. m., at his home, Woods Run avenue, Allegheny, near Brighton Road, JOHN SEILING, husband of CAROLINE SEILING, aged 73 years.

Funeral from late residence on Friday, December 18, 1903 at 2 p. m. Friends of the family and members of Jefferson lodge 288 F. and A. M. are respectfully invited to attend.

STROHM—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 6:30 a. m., SARAH ELLEN, wife of JOHN STROHM, JR., in her 61st year.

Funeral from her late residence in Indiana township, on Saturday, December 19, at 1 p. m. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

WEIGOLD—On Wednesday, December 16, 1903, at 5:25 p. m., DANIEL, husband of Catherina Seitz Weigold, aged 70 years, 3 months, 30 days.

Remains at the chapel of L. Beinhauer & Son, 551 Sixth avenue. Time of services later.

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With the exception of three blast furnaces, the entire plant of the Edgar Thomson Steel Company at Braddock, was closed down yesterday. Fully 3,000 men are thrown out of employment by the order. The shutdown is for an indefinite period. The order has been looked for for some weeks by the workers and it was yesterday stated that the plant will probably not resume operations till after New Year's. It is the first time for five years that workmen at Edgar Thomson will have a Christmas vacation.

The plant has been shut down for repairs and almost immediately after the workmen stopped work yesterday afternoon, engineers, bricklayers, machinists and laborers were at work on the improvements. Last night four of the blast furnaces were banked, four are to be rebuilt while the works are closed down, and but three will be kept in operation. The closing of the furnaces last night was caused by the suspension in the departments which are supplied with iron from the furnaces.

Extensive improvements will be made in the rail, bloom and converting mills. In the rail mill a new E. P. Allis driving engine, which has already been delivered on the ground, will be installed at No. 1 rolls, to replace the large engine which has been in operation in the department since the plant was built, about 18 years ago. The old engine has become too small to supply the power necessary to operate the rolls.

The bloom mill will be entirely rebuilt during the shut down, although it was completely remodeled about a year ago. It is said that orders for rails have become so great that the present mills are unable to supply the demand and it has been found necessary to double the capacity of the bloom mill in order to furnish sufficient blooms for the increased capacity of the rail mills. A new train of rolls, new shears and other improvements will be made to correspond with the additional number of reheating pits, which have been erected at the bloom mill during the past year.

In the converting department the present machinery is to be rearranged with a view to facilitating the work.

It was yesterday stated that the Edgar Thomson plant has enough orders booked to keep the plant in full operation from the first of next year till July. Over 800 machinists and laborers will be employed on the improvements.

SWANEY ON TRIAL.

Charged With Murder of "Big Bill" Turner Whose Son Testifies.

UNIONTOWN, PA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The opening of the trial of James Swaney today for the murder of "Big Bill" Turner at Haydentown, September 10, brought out many witnesses and it is likely the case will last all the week. The attorneys for the defense are Col. A. E. Boyd and W. E. Crow. It is understood they have about 40 witnesses.

District Attorney Jones asked for a verdict of murder in the first degree. He said the state will show that Turner and Swaney had not been on good terms for a number of years, and that within the last year Swaney threatened to kill Turner.

Jesse Stewart testified that at the polls on election day two years ago Turner said to Swaney: "Your sons killed Benson and I can prove it," and then added to Swaney, "I will kill you," and Stewart says he heard Swaney say a day or two later, "If Turner presses me I will shoot him." Samuel Cooley supported the same statement.

David Turner, a son of the murdered man, testified that his father and Swaney were not on good terms. George Fordyce said that as he was going to work the morning before the shooting he met James Swaney at Haydentown, and Swaney said he had had trouble with William Turner and remarked, "Turner does not know the first thing in fighting, and if he ever bothers me I will fix him."

JIMMIE WILL NOT WORK.

Fifteen-Year-Old Holds the Fort Until Dislodged by the Police.

"If I have to work I'll burn the house down," declared 15-year-old James Ebling to his mother yesterday morning, as he armed himself with a butcher's knife and, robed only in his nightdress, dashed from the third floor flat at 1527 Penn avenue, into the vestibule, which he barricaded. By locking two hall doors he kept people from entering or leaving the house, and when anyone came near he threatened total extermination.

His mother climbed through a window into an adjoining house and notified the police. A squad of men was sent from the Penn avenue station and it took everyone of them to calm the youth. After the doors had been forced open Ebling resisted, but was finally subdued. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ebling, formerly of Lisbon, O., will send him before the juvenile court.

They say that their son refused to attend school or to work. Positions were found for him, but he deserted, and when reprimanded took to his bed, where it was impossible to rouse him except by tickling. This finally proved of no avail, and yesterday morning the boy chased his mother with a knife.

Two Men Blown from Cab.

ASHTABULA, O., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Near Rome station, this county, today the crownsheet of a locomotive on the Pittsburgh, Youngstown & Ashtabula railroad blew out. Fireman R. J. Davis was blown to the ground. One arm was fractured and he was severely scalded. Brakeman Thomas Morgan of Ashtabula, who was riding on the engine, was blown from the cab and was scalded and otherwise injured.

Neck Broken But Still Lives.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—With his broken neck supported by straps, Hugh Jones of Sharon was able to walk out of the city hospital today for the first time in three months. It is expected that Jones will be discharged from the institution by Christmas. He is a well-known tailor of Sharon and was injured by walking in front of a street car.

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The most harmless, fascinating and scientific games for three centuries have been billiards and pool.

Expense and lack of space have always interfered with their adoption into most homes.

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In every way serve the purpose as well as a thousand dollar table and can be easily located in any ordinary size room.

Four styles, $40.00 to $67.00 each.

With each table is included 16 numbered balls, five cues, four extra tips, one bridge, one frame, one leather bottle, ten tenpins, package cue chalk, sandpaper, rule book, four adjustable and movable levelling blocks; all equipment of first quality and regulation in every respect. Slightly smaller.

Tables can be laid on a dining or library table or set on their own legs.

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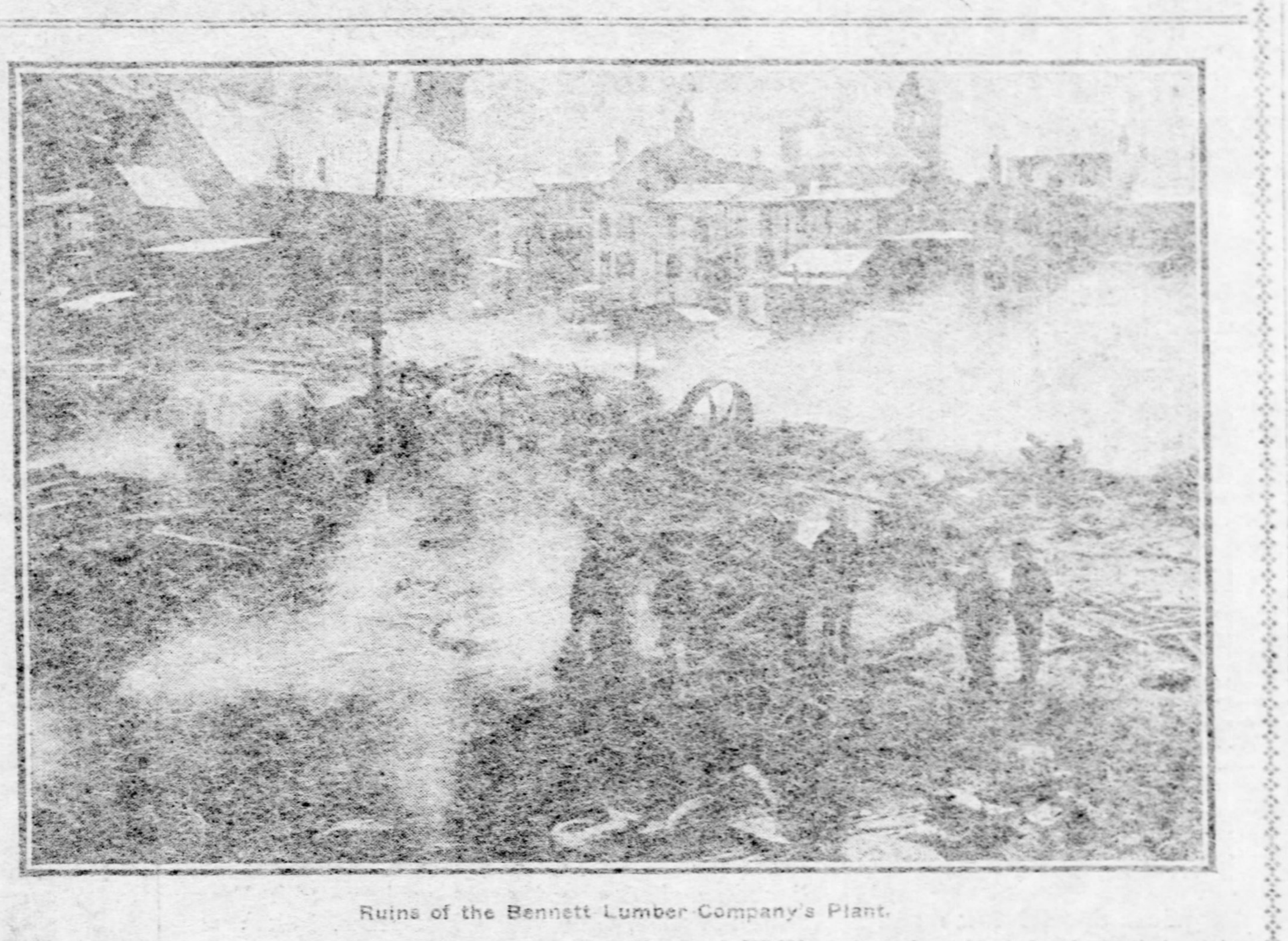
Via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad

Account Christmas and New Year holidays. Ticket agents Baltimore & Ohio railroad will sell excursion tickets between all stations, Pittsburgh and west, at greatly reduced fares. Tickets on sale December 24th, 25th and 31st and January 1st, good returning until January 4th inclusive.

CAMPBELL'S.
Daisy Air Rifles at
Cut Prices This Evening.

These Air Rifles will "do execution" and sell regularly for $1.25. Campbell will sell them tonight after 6 o'clock for 98c. Store closes at 9:30.

MILLVALE FIRE WAS STUBBORN AND LASTING



Ruins of the Bennett Lumber Company's Plant.

Firemen were busy on the ruins of the Bennett Lumber and Manufacturing Company's plant at Millvale, last evening. The Allegheny fire companies that assisted the local volunteer companies yesterday morning left the scene at 6 o'clock, but within a half hour the flames broke out and the local volunteers were forced to call upon the Sharpsburg and Etna companies for assistance. After two hours of hard work the fire was again under control. The exact loss cannot be accurately estimated, but it will approximate $45,000. The heaviest loss is that of the Bennett Lumber and Manufacturing Company, which will exceed $35,000, partly covered by insurance. Other losses range from $150 to $5,000.

During the fire Martin Bauer was burned about the head and body while attempting to rescue horses from a stable, and Jacob Bauer, who was assisting him, was injured on the left leg by a kick from one of the horses.

While Harry Anderson, the undertaker at 216 North avenue, was assisting the family of John Welk to remove the household furniture from their home he was struck on the head by a piece of furniture thrown from an upper window.

Several families were forced out into the cold clad only in their night clothing. To add to their suffering, some were soaked with water, but the ready help of friends and neighbors saved these unfortunates as soon as possible, and outside of considerable temporary discomfort no serious results came of the exposure. The extreme cold and hard work told upon several of the firemen, but they were succored with pots of hot coffee and sandwiches furnished by the people of the neighborhood. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is believed to have started in the engine-room of the planing mill. The structure was entirely of wood and the flames rapidly gained headway.

STEEL STOCKHOLDERS HAD STORMY MEETING

Directors Ordered to Sell Real Estate of Massachusetts Concern

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Dissatisfied stockholders of the United States Steel Company of Everett, Mass., made the annual meeting of the company here today a stormy one.

The affairs of the concern are somewhat complicated and the stockholders were anxious to find out what has been done with the money they invested. President Miller added fuel to the flame by making a motion that the directors be empowered to sell or otherwise dispose of the property of the company "in such manner as shall seem for the best interests of the corporation."

"I would not trust such power to anyone," shouted James Myers of the stockholders, and for 15 minutes there was much disorder.

Then another motion, almost as sweeping, which was intended to empower the directors to sell all the company's real estate. It was finally decided that the directors sell the real estate of the company.

STARTING ITS MILLS.

Republic Iron and Steel Company Preparing for an Increased Trade.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The Republic Iron and Steel Company has started its muck and bar mills at Alexandria, Ind., full capacity, and will keep them going indefinitely. In the southern field the Republic company is also displaying renewed activity and is preparing for an increased output.

Representatives of the company here to attend the various pool meetings, say the depression which has been so pronounced for four months is giving way to renewed activity on the part of the customers.

Tramps Routed By Fire.

Fire destroyed an abandoned school building in Saltsburg, North Versailles township, last night at 9 o'clock and about 20 tramps, who were sleeping on the second floor of the building, had narrow escapes from being burned to death. The tramps had built a big fire in the building to keep warm and the woodwork in the room was ignited. The property, a two-story frame building of four rooms, was recently purchased by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and the building was to have been torn down to make way for railroad improvements.

MRS. MANNING NOW HEAD OF WOMAN'S EXPO. BOARD.

Lady Managers Removed Their Headquarters to New Administration Building.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Daniel Manning, Albany, N. Y., was today elected president of the world's fair board of lady managers, vice Mrs. James L. Blair, resigned. Mrs. Manning had no opposition and was nominated by Miss Helen Gould, who made a short speech reviewing her qualifications.

A resolution was adopted calling on the national commission to suspend the rule limiting the number of members of the board to 21, so as to elect an additional member, presumably, a St. Louis woman.

The operations of the board were transferred today to the administration building of the world's fair grounds, where yesterday's sessions were continued. After the election of Mrs. Manning and the transaction of some other business, the board took a recess for lunch, after which the members made a tour of the grounds.

BANK ROBBERS CAUGHT.

Men Who Dynamited Safe Captured During Search for Other Thieves.

SIOUX CITY, IA., Dec. 16.—Robbers blew open the safe of the Citizens Savings bank at Quimby, 40 miles northeast of Sioux City, early this morning, and secured $3,000 in cash.

Between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning burglars blew the door from the safe of the postoffice at Paulina, Ia., and secured $125. While in search of the men who committed the latter robbery, Sheriff Price of O'Brien county, captured two of the Quimby bank robbers, recovering $1,400 of the stolen money.

BURGLARS' DYNAMITE DID NOT DISTURB TOWN

CHESTER, PA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The office of the Kent Manufacturing Company near Clifton Heights, was entered during last night by burglars, who drilled and dynamited the safe and secured more than $600 in cash. The burglars escaped. The burglary was discovered this morning when the office was opened. No one heard the explosion. The safe-crackers were evidently professionals. The police of this city and Philadelphia are on the case, but no clue has been secured.

Aged Woman Disappears.

WARREN, O., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. Bowyer, aged 70, of Mesopotamia, came to this city on November 4 to take the train for Marion, Ill., to visit her daughter. She drew $150 from the bank and nothing has since been heard of her. She never arrived at Marion and her relatives here fear she may have been killed.

Can't Sleep Nights.

New Method That Seems to Quiet Instantly.

Of all human troubles sleeplessness is the most distressing. There are thousands of people who die every year for want of sleep. The fact is, that continued inability to sleep means insanity and death. And yet most remedies that will induce sleep contain dangerously harmful drugs.

Now sleeplessness is simply one of the most prominent symptoms of starved and sick nerves. Nerve force is a subtle fluid like electricity, generated in the brain and spinal cord and from these centers conveyed to all parts of the body as needed. There is a constant waste of nervous matter all the time. In health nervous energy is generated in sufficient amounts, but in sickness or ill health the nerves must suffer. Then comes sleeplessness with all its nerve-wrecking attendants. Morphine, opium, cocaine, bromide, chloral or other drugs that are usually given to produce sleep simply have a temporary effect. They do not rest, refresh or invigorate. What really is needed is a nerve medicine, that is—a nerve food that will restore the lost energy in a natural manner without harmful after-effects or the danger of creating a habit. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer is no doubt the very best nerve remedy that could be procured for any case of sleeplessness or any nervous trouble. It is prescribed by many physicians because it has a quieting, soothing effect on the nerves and gives calm, restful sleep the first night without any danger. It restores the balance to the nervous system and thus cures sleeplessness.

"I have been a farm auctioneer for twenty-five years, and the strain on my nervous system from outdoor work and the excitement attending my work broke me down completely; I could not sleep; did not sleep for seven nights at one time; was nearly crazy. Thought I would surely die; so did my friends, who became very anxious about my condition. I tried all kinds of treatment to no purpose. Finally tried Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer, which gave me the first wink of sleep I had had for seven nights and made me feel like a new man." B. F. Thomas, Sand Creek, Mich.

Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer never fails to cure St. Vitus' dance, paralysis, apoplexy, nervous prostration, loss of vitality, nervous weakness or any other nervous disease. It is for sale at one dollar a bottle by all druggists or it is sent, express prepaid, on receipt of price, by The J. W. Brant Co., Ltd., Albion, Mich.

LETTER CARRIERS TO GET BACK PAY

Bill Introduced in Congress to Compensate Them for Overtime.

CLAIMS ALLOWED BY COURT

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU,
Room 10, Postal Building,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.

A bill has been introduced by Senator Martin of Virginia appropriating $292,943.88 to pay the claims of letter carriers for services performed by them in excess of the legal eight hours a day. These amounts were found due the carriers by the court of claims, but were excluded from judgment by the statute of limitations. Below are given the claims of carriers in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia:

Pennsylvania—Altoona, George W. Ambeiser, $90; William A. Black, $18; George E. Gracey, $2; Orville E. Babcock, $85; John F. Castlow, $85; Jacob C. Hagerty, $85; Adam Leake, $12; Celestine McMullen, $61; James M. Stevens, $85. Beaver Falls, Vincent Cotton, $46; William M. Frazier, $76; James H. Hill, $54; James R. Patterson, $76; Nicholas Walsh, $54. Bellefonte, John C. Barr, $83. Bradford, Thomas G. Wolff, $141; James P. Casey, $164; John J. Larkin, $196; John H. Thomas, $117. Butler, Hallet W. Kelly, $26; John G. Moore, $86; Henry L. Richey, $36; Henry C. Croup, $36. Erie, Edward G. Barrie, $120; Peter Leuschen, $149; Jacob A. Brabender, $90; John P. Gallagher, $88; Henry J. Fries, $129. Johnstown, Robert H. Bridges, $94; Herman Edelmann, $94; John H. Herzog, $84; Joseph S. Hiep, $40; Mary Mullin, widow of Bernard Mullin, $91; Thomas D. O'Neal, $94; Patrick O'Toole, $196; Levi J. Ripple, $94; William H. Coleman, $90; Charles H. Temple, $22. New Castle, Wesley S. Rice, 125; Daniel Mooney, $125; Douglass McIlveeny, $125. Oil City, Harvey R. Dodds, $16; Frank S. Kitchell, $82; George Nicholson, $22; Henry L. Rogers, $2; Walter B. Pornot, $27. Pittsburgh, Ernest W. Connolly, $200; Alfred L. Dillon, $6; Max Killian, $153; James P. Langdon, $111; Mary Mohan, administratrix of William Mohan, $211; Thomas F. Murray, $183; J. F. Connor, $206; Martin B. Foley, $167; Sidney B. Foster, $15; Max Killian, $58; Joseph S. Larkin, $202; William W. McKee, $7; James H. Ward, $87; Andrew J. White, $87; William R. Niebaum, $126; Jacob R. Burkle, $93; Charles T. Hunter, $138; Henry G. Knauss, $132; C. D. McCoombs, $183; John F. Regan, $138; Andrew J. Verner, 250; Daniel D. Collins, $63; Ellen J. Daly, administratrix of Thomas F. Daly, $84; Sarah Griffin, administratrix of Martin J. Griffin, $63; William S. Hathaway, $63; J. Milton Hays, $105; James E. Hershey, $113; Daniel Linderman, $105; William S. Lowry, $105; Peter W. J. Gilfoyle, $28. Titusville, Albert Kraffert, $18; Thomas J. Powers, $18; Edwin L. Windsor, $18. Warren, Lewis F. Giegerich, $169; John B. Russell, $30; Frank Wilz, $199. Washington, Thomas N. Blair, $69; William A. McCausland, $107; John D. McGlaughlin, $60.

Ohio—Canton—David H. Johns, $2; Edward Gevenet, $32; Henry J. Piero, $90; Ephraim G. Sheaffer, $30; Henry L. Archinal, $32; Monroe Apel, $2; Charles W. Reed, $2; John C. Vance, $70; Sylvester K. Nichols, $51. Massillon—Thomas Keenan, $81; Charles E. Young, $48. Steubenville—George M. Ketchner, $26; Thomas B. Lindsay, $20; Arthur A. Brannigan, brother of James Brannigan, deceased, $20; John H. Roth, $128; Alois Schwerber, $150; John M. Lloyd, $127. Warren—William A. Koehler, $41; Omer S. Pierce, $37; John Tatam, $2; Wooster—Newton L. Clark, $28; Samuel D. Collier, $246; Daniel W. Derr, $37; Henry B. Zaby, $12; William C. Van Meter, $37. Youngstown—Herbert E. Baker, $28; Joseph H. Dugan, $30; John Hald, $30; John Gerde, $50; Frank K. Patterson, $82; William H. Paxon, $98. Zanesville—Frank Farrier, $39; Smith T. Brown, $40; Robert M. Carlow, $16; Oren U. Kemper, $33; Clarence E. Maguire, $11; William R. Warstall, $10; James W. McKenney, $67.

West Virginia—Charles—Frank Orr, $108; William O. Jones, $171; William H. Thomas, $149. Parkersburg — Josiah T. Horr, $75. Wheeling—Robert S. Agnew, $12; Jordan Manton, $40; August H. Knobe, $12; John H. Mason, $15; Griffith H. Jones, $13; William Graham, Jr., $5; James M. Nol, $40; Louis J. Knabe, $22; John J. Quigg, $118.

L. W. STRAYER.

TO CURTAIL OUTPUT OF HARD COAL MINES

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—It is expected that a general suspension of mining throughout the entire anthracite coal regions will be inaugurated with Christmas to continue until after January 4. This step has been already announced by the Reading company, and it is believed all the other large companies will take similar action. One of the reasons for the shutdown is that the production is in excess of present market requirements.

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Pittsburgh, Nov. 30, 1903.
Gentlemen—You are hereby notified to deliver up, quiet and peaceable possession of the building, 635 and 637 Smithfield St., which you hold of me, on the first day of January, 1904.
Estate of John Daub,
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Select anything you want in the entire building, ask the auctioneer to put it up and the highest bidder gets it. There is no reserve price on anything. The high character of the stock is well known. You will probably never again have an opportunity to secure such goods at auction.

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Finest grade Long Sleeve Silk Vests .... 2.00 to 4.00
Drawers to match .... 2.00 to 4.25
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Holiday Specials In Blankets and Comforts

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All-Wool Country Blankets are on the Special list this week .... A Good One 3.00
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Special all-wool Fancy Blankets, Silk bound and extra long. This Week 14.00
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No need to bid for trade but there are specials all over the house—your store isn't waiting until after Christmas to take a look backward to unseasonable spells of side-tracked weather.

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Coats for children from 2 to 6 years in reds and blues.

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WHEELING MADE CENTRAL POINT

Baltimore & Ohio Creates New Grand Division With Headquarters There.

T. J. FOLEY PLACED AT HEAD

The "Wheeling System" of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, a new grand division of that railroad, was announced yesterday by General Manager C. S. Sims. Thomas J. Foley, one of the "Three Guardsmen," has been appointed general superintendent. He will have his headquarters at Wheeling and in all about 1,000 miles of railroad will be under his jurisdiction. Mr. Foley has been superintendent at Chicago, a division which has not been brought under either of the older grand divisions.

The new "system," as the grand divisions of the Baltimore & Ohio are named, is the third, the original two being the Baltimore and Pittsburgh systems. It is formed by taking two divisions from each of the older systems. The Pittsburgh system gives up the Cleveland and Newark divisions and the Baltimore system gives up the Wheeling and Ohio River divisions.

General Manager Sims and the new general superintendent, T. J. Foley, arrived in Wheeling yesterday to inaugurate the new system. They made official announcement that the Baltimore & Ohio will build in that city a large and handsome passenger terminal for which the ground has been quietly secured, in Market street, near the business center of the city.

General Superintendent Foley is well known in this city. He is one of the Pennsylvania lines operating officials whom President L. F. Loree and General Manager G. L. Potter, now third vice president of the Baltimore & Ohio, took with them to the Baltimore & Ohio over two years ago. His title was "assistant to the general manager." As three held that title the subriquet of "The Three Guardsmen" was soon given them. Mr. Foley has had charge of the Baltimore & Ohio operating affairs at Chicago for a year. He is recognized as one of the brightest and most resourceful railroad operating officials in the east.

The removal of the Newark and Cleveland divisions from the jurisdiction of General Superintendent W. C. Loree at Pittsburgh leaves four divisions still under his jurisdiction. They are the Connellsville, Pittsburgh, Butler and New Castle divisions.

It was officially announced also that J. A. Spielman, now superintendent at Butler, is transferred to the Chicago division superintendency. Mr. Spielman came to Butler a few months ago and organized the present division there. He had been engineer of maintenance of way at Chicago. H. E. Hale, now division engineer at Philadelphia, is the new superintendent at Butler. William Trapnell, now engineer of the Shenandoah division, succeeds Mr. Hale at Philadelphia, and R. P. Rossiter of Pittsburgh is made division engineer to succeed Mr. Trapnell.

President Diaz and The Future of Mexico

The report that President Diaz was about to resign has aroused a great deal of interest in this country. The fortunes of the sister republic on the south must always be a matter of deep concern to the United States. Stephen Bonsal, the famous newspaper correspondent, will have a most interesting article in the next issue of The Sunday Gazette, telling what Diaz has done for Mexico and forecasting his probable successor. The story of Diaz's wonderful career forms one of the most entertaining and remarkable chapters in history.

SMITH'S POWER HELD SUPREME

Another Futile Attempt to Get a New Receiver for Ship Yards Company.

DIRECTORS ARE IN SESSION

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE BUREAU.
Herald Building, Herald Square,
NEW YORK, Dec. 16.

In the United States circuit court in Newark today, Judge Kirkpatrick denied the application of the Mercantile Trust Company of New York, for a receiver for that portion of the property of the United States Shipbuilding Company which is in New Jersey.

The trust company is trustee of the $16,000,000 bond issue of the shipbuilding corporation and a mortgage for the protection of the bonds is in possession of James Smith, the receiver. It covers the real estate of the Crescent shipyards and the foundry plant of the Samuel Moore & Sons at the same place. In a brief, filed by the Mercantile Trust Company, the chief grounds on which a receiver was asked are the failure to pay $400,000 interest on the bonds, and $200,000 toward the sinking fund provided for their retirement, both of which fell due on July 1 last.

Judge Kirkpatrick refused to appoint a receiver other than Mr. Smith, or to name a co-receiver. At the close of the proceedings W. J. Curtis of New York, who appeared with W. W. Green, for the trust company, asked that the receiver be instructed to hold all moneys derived from the properties covered by the mortgage in New Jersey, as a separate trust fund, subject to the order of the court, so that the rights of the Mercantile Trust Company will be amply protected.

Richard V. Lindabury, counsel for Mr. Smith, opposed this proposition, but it was agreed that the receiver should keep a separate account of such funds and that the matter of Mr. Curtis' request be left to the future decision of the court.

As a necessary step in connection with two new suits which have been begun against the United States Shipbuilding Company, Lewis Nixon, president, today called the directors together, and explained the nature of the new charges. The matter was referred to C. C. Deming, general counsel for the company.

Additional subpoenas have been served for witnesses in the United States Shipbuilding case. A representative of the bondholders' committee said that Charles Steele, of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., is expected to be put on the stand tomorrow. Among the other witnesses to be called later, it is understood, will be George R. Sheldon and C. W. Wetmore, as representatives of the Sheldon syndicate.

FRANK A. PARKER.

"YELLOWSTONE" KELLY HOME FROM MANILA CAMPAIGN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Capt. Arthur Kelly, the famous Indian scout, who served under Gen. Miles in the campaign of 1876, 1877 and 1878 in Wyoming and Montana, when he was given the sobriquet of "Yellowstone" Kelly on account of his familiarity with the territory bordering on the Yellowstone river, returned from the Philippines on the transport Sherman. Kelly is on his way home to New York.

Met With Strange Accident.

KITTANNING, PA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—John Cunningham, a laborer, last night started for his home at Cowshannock, two miles distant. When about half way he fell over the railroad bank on a lot of furnace slag. In trying to get up the bank he got caught between two small willow trees. He lay there with the mercury near zero until after 6 o'clock in the morning, when discovered. His limbs were frozen. If he lives he will probably be crippled for life.

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COURT GIVES DECISIONS.

Opinions in Many Cases by the West Virginia Supreme Court.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—In the state supreme court of appeals the following decisions were rendered: Grass vs. Lewis and Schmidt, Tucker county, reversed and bill dismissed; Miller & Gillespie, Webster county, reversed and remanded; McClung vs. Sieg, Pendleton, affirmed; Bartles and Dillon vs. Dodd, Berkely, reversed; Seinn vs. Zinn, Ritchie, demurrer suspended and bill dismissed; Schaeffer vs. Schaeffer, Jefferson, reversed; Ruby vs. Faley, Doddridge, affirmed; Maxwell vs. Wilson, Randolph, reversed and bill dismissed; Armstrong vs. County court of Taylor county, writ of prohibition refused; Stephenson and Patrick vs. Collins and Thompson, Clay, writ of error and supersedeas refused; the West Virginia Short Line Railway Company vs. the Belington & Northern railroad, Barbour, writ of error and supersedeas allowed; W. J. Catts vs. William Holmes et al, Ohio, writ of error and supersedeas allowed; Liskey vs. Snyder, Randolph, rehearing allowed; county court vs. J. E. Hall, Barbour, writ of error and supersedeas refused; Mays vs. Hinchman, Cabell, writ of error and supersedeas allowed; Manufacturers Record vs. W. S. Teeter, writ of error and supersedeas allowed; Rosenthal vs. Insurance Company, continued until January 26, 1904.

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PITTSBURGH STILL ON TOP

Chicago Gets the Republican National Convention, But Pittsburgh is Chosen For the Clothing Manufacturers' Unloading Sale.

TODAY IS RED-LETTER DAY.

Surplus Stocks of Fifteen Leading Clothing Manufacturers Will Be Sold at 25 Cents on the Dollar—Sale Begins This Morning.

AT NO. 640 LIBERTY STREET.

Entire Stock Expected to Be Disposed of Within Ten Days—Sale Is a Startling Departure From Usual Methods, But a Real Bonanza For the Men of Pittsburgh.

At 8:30 this (Thursday) morning without fail, the most remarkable sale of men's clothing that ever took place in this country will begin at 640 Liberty street.

Pittsburgh is a lucky city. Chicago gets the Republican National convention, but Pittsburgh is the city chosen by fifteen of the leading clothing manufacturers of the United States, who have formed a great pool for the purpose of unloading their surplus stocks, and it is in this city at 640 Liberty street, that the most gigantic manufacturers' unloading sale will begin this morning.

This sale is a startling departure from the methods hitherto pursued by clothing manufacturers. It has been the custom when the manufacturers found that they had overestimated the season's demands, to dispose of their surplus stocks in small lots at sacrifice prices, here and there all over the country. The result was that the trade was demoralized. And besides, when each manufacturer acted on his own account and had to ship long distances in small lots, it was impossible to offer anything like the price inducements that are now being offered under this arrangement.

Pittsburgh was chosen as the best place to hold this sale, because it is known that the people of Pittsburgh and vicinity have more ready money than those of any other city in the United States.

The stock of suits and overcoats that has been shipped to this city and is now displayed in the building at 640 Liberty street, is ready for the sale to begin this morning, is something enormous. It includes every fabric, every style that the most representative clothing manufacturers of the country have produced this season.

Think of having choice of the products of the fifteen leading clothing manufacturers of the United States. That of itself is a big item.

But think of being able to select any suit or overcoat in this vast assortment at 25 cents on the dollar—one-fourth the regular price. Such an opportunity has never occurred before. Ordinarily it would be impossible. But these surplus goods must be disposed of. And a quarter of a loaf is better than no bread.

It is fully expected that the entire stock will be sold within ten days. The building at 640 Liberty street has been rented for only that long. There will undoubtedly be a tremendous rush for these goods from the minute the sale begins this morning at 8:30.

You will find it a great help in getting waited upon, if you read the following list carefully, mark the items you wish particularly to see and bring the list with you.

Do not think that because the stock is so vast you can afford to wait a few days before coming in. The people of Pittsburgh will not be slow to appreciate the advantage of being able to secure their choice of the best clothing made in the United States at one-fourth regular price.

You may be too late in a few days. The better plan is to be on hand today at 8:30 when the sale begins.

Men's fashionable Overcoats, made of genuine covert cloth and whipcord, in all the new shades. Regular retail prices, $18 and $20. Special sale price, $3.65.

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Men's blue chinchilla Overcoats, cut extra long. Regular price, $15. Special sale price, $3.45.

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Men's oxford gray Overcoats, in light and steel gray, from 44 to 52 inches long; very fashionable; strictly all wool. Regular $18 value. Special sale price, $3.95.

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Men's dark gray genuine Raincoats, which retail at $18. Special sale price, $4.95.

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Men's genuine kersey Overcoats, in blue and black, all lengths. Regular price, $22. Special sale price, $7.95.

At 640 Liberty street, Pittsburgh.

Men's genuine black frieze Overcoats, satin lined throughout; guaranteed imported goods. Regular prices, $35 to $40. Special sale price, $10.95.

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Men's imported chinchilla and worombo beaver Overcoats, silk and satin lined throughout. Regular $50 coats. Special sale price, $10.95.

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Men's imported black frieze Storm Ulsters. Regular price, $38. Special sale price, $6.95.

At 640 Liberty street, Pittsburgh.

We have thousands of other bargains in Overcoats we cannot mention in this ad. It's up to you to come and look for yourself. Remember, you can select or buy any article you wish to take home with you, and if you don't find it as represented you may return it within three days and we will refund your money.

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Men's fine cassimere Suits, small checks and stripes, at $3.95.

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Men's very fine velour, all-wool Suits; about 15 different patterns. Regular $15 value. Special sale price, $4.95.

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Men's dress Suits, made of thibet and unfinished worsteds. Regular prices, $18 to $20. Special sale price, $5.95.

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Men's Evening and Sunday Sack Suits, in blue and black, cut in the latest styles, in all sizes. Regular price, $22. Special sale price, $6.95.

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Men's real nobby fancy cheviot and cassimere Suits, about 50 different patterns; cut in the latest military styles; hand-made button holes and hand-felled collars, hand-padded shoulders, haircloth fronts; regular merchant tailors' garments. Regular prices, from $25 to $30. Special sale price, $7.95.

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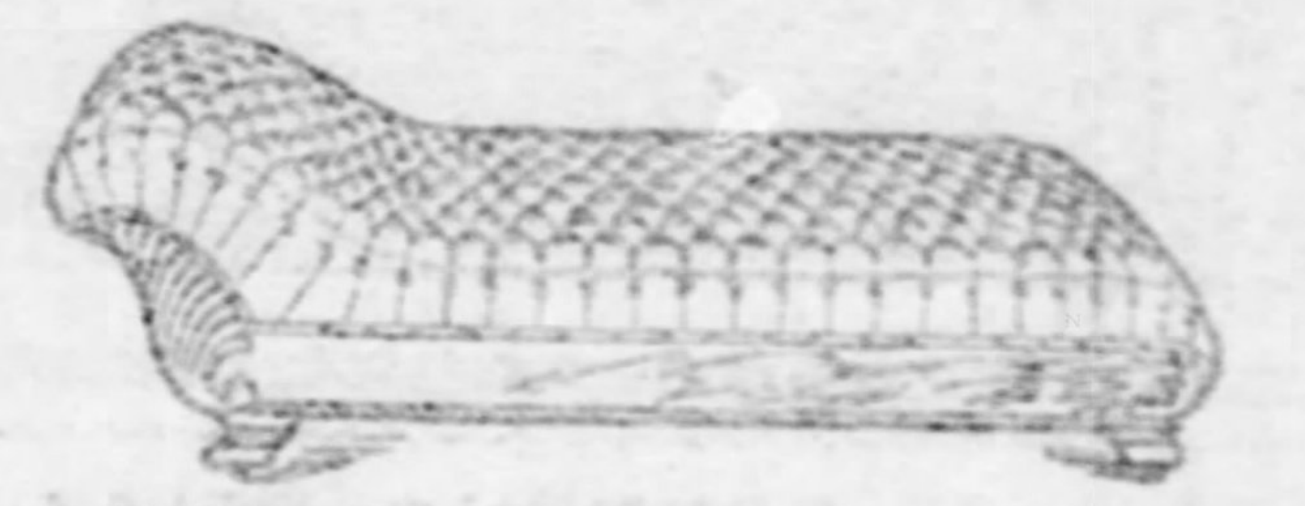

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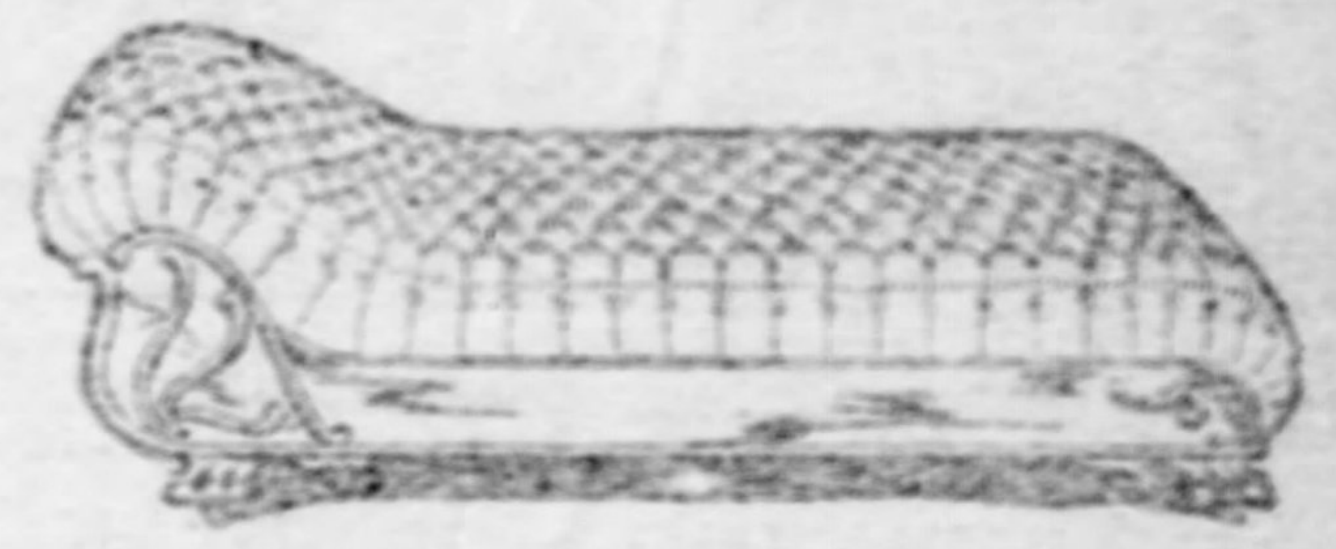

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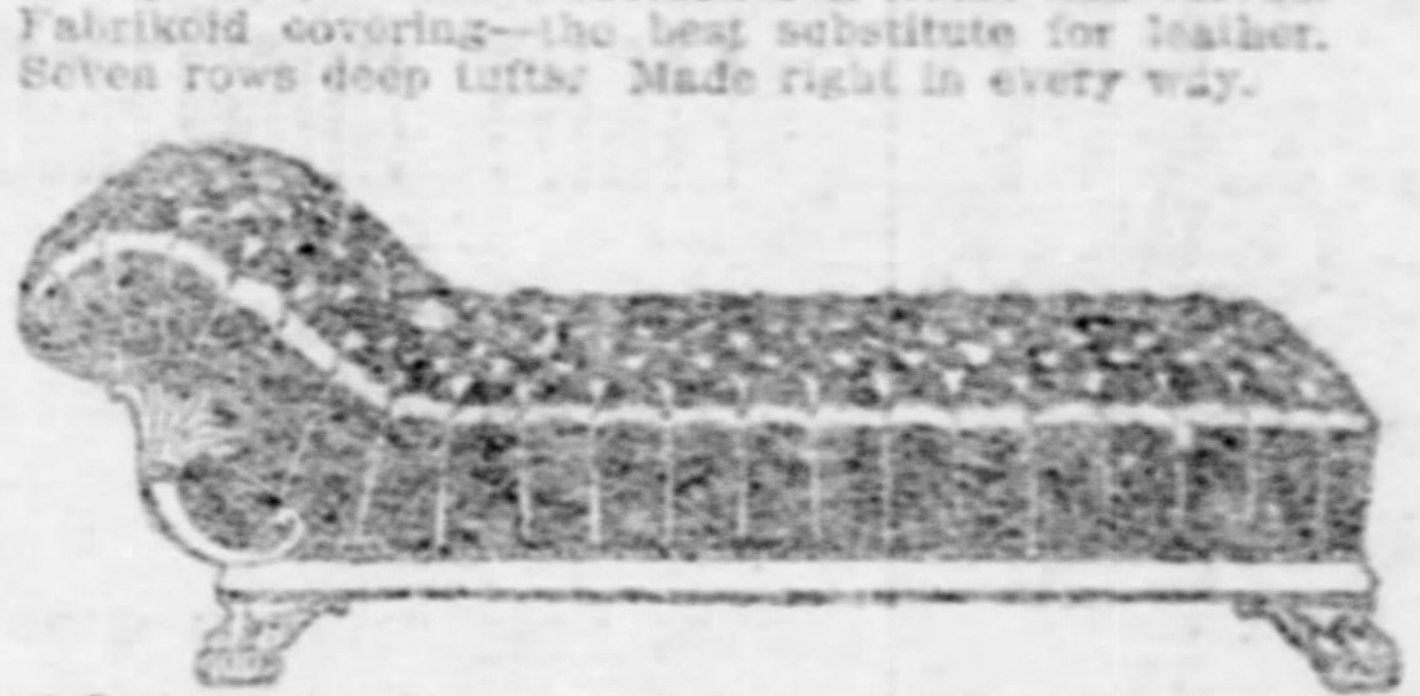

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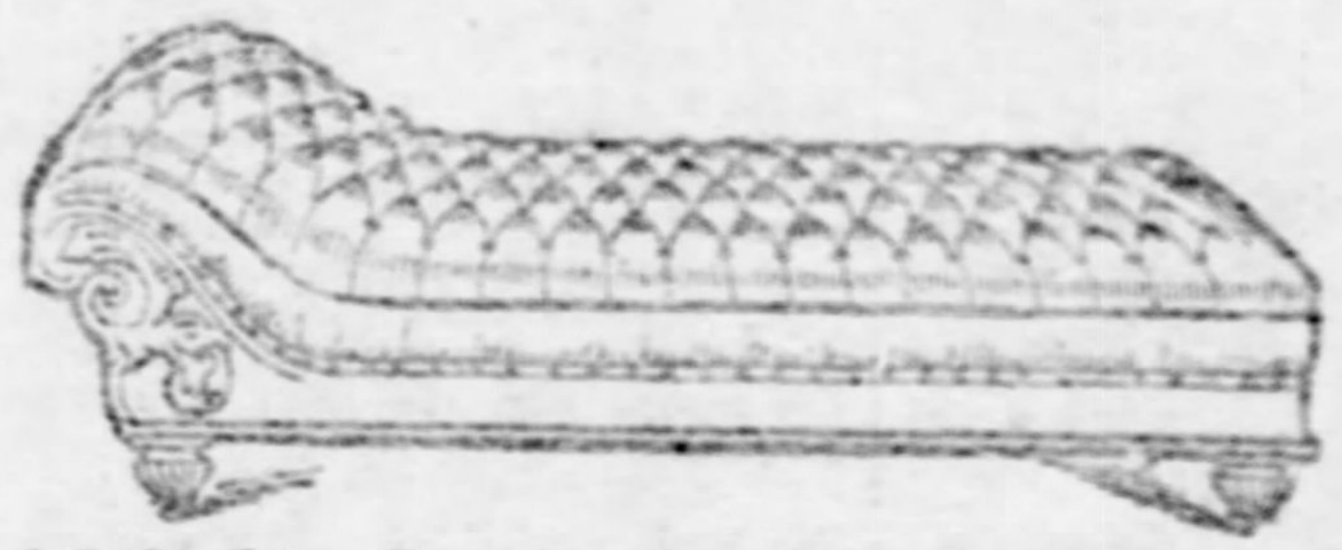

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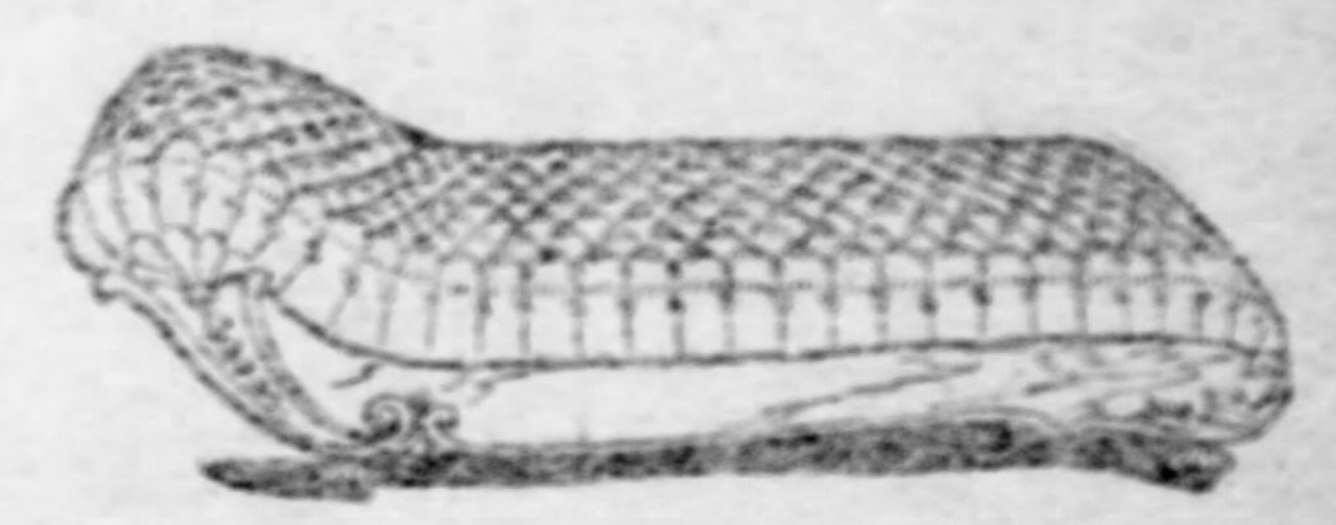

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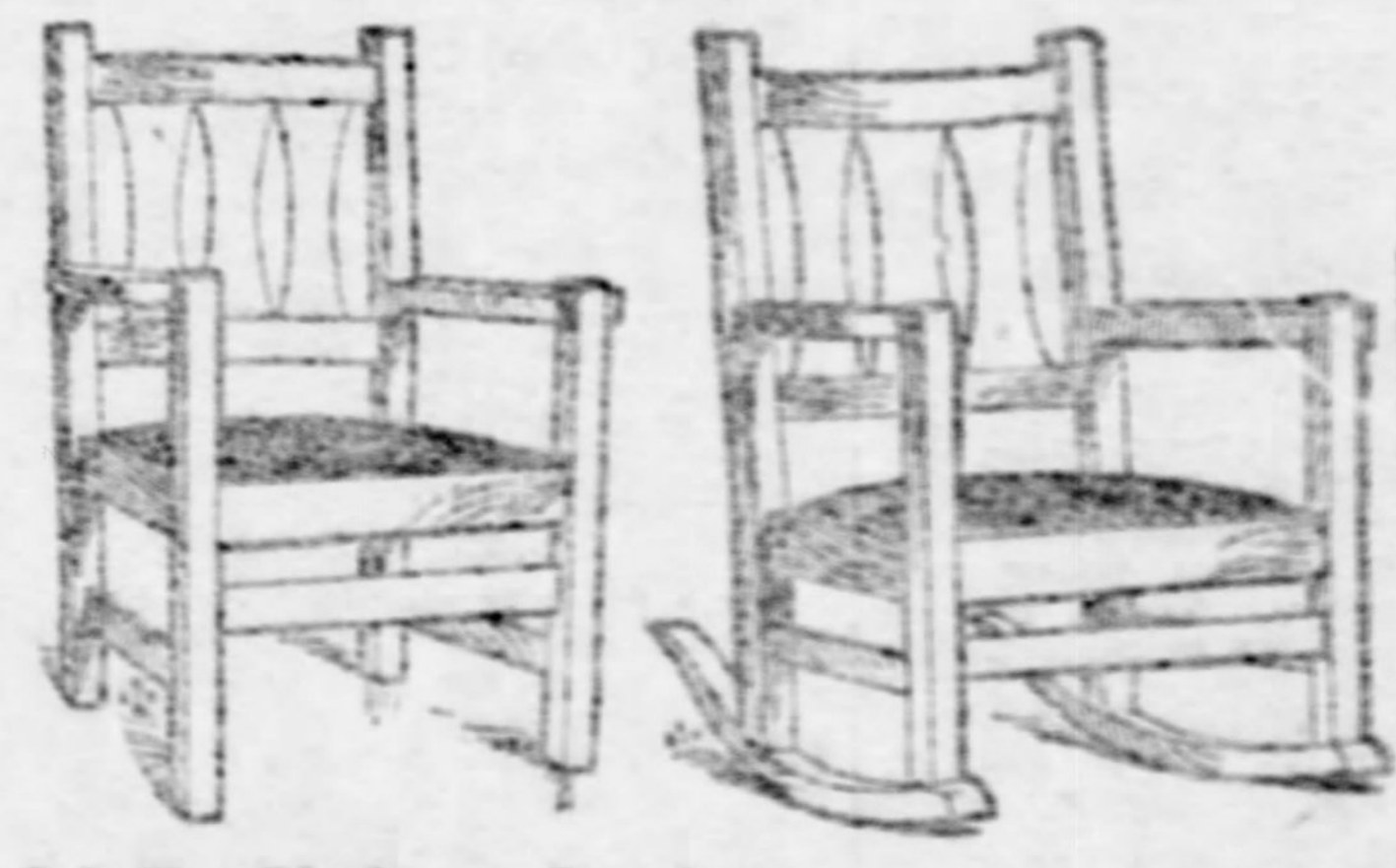

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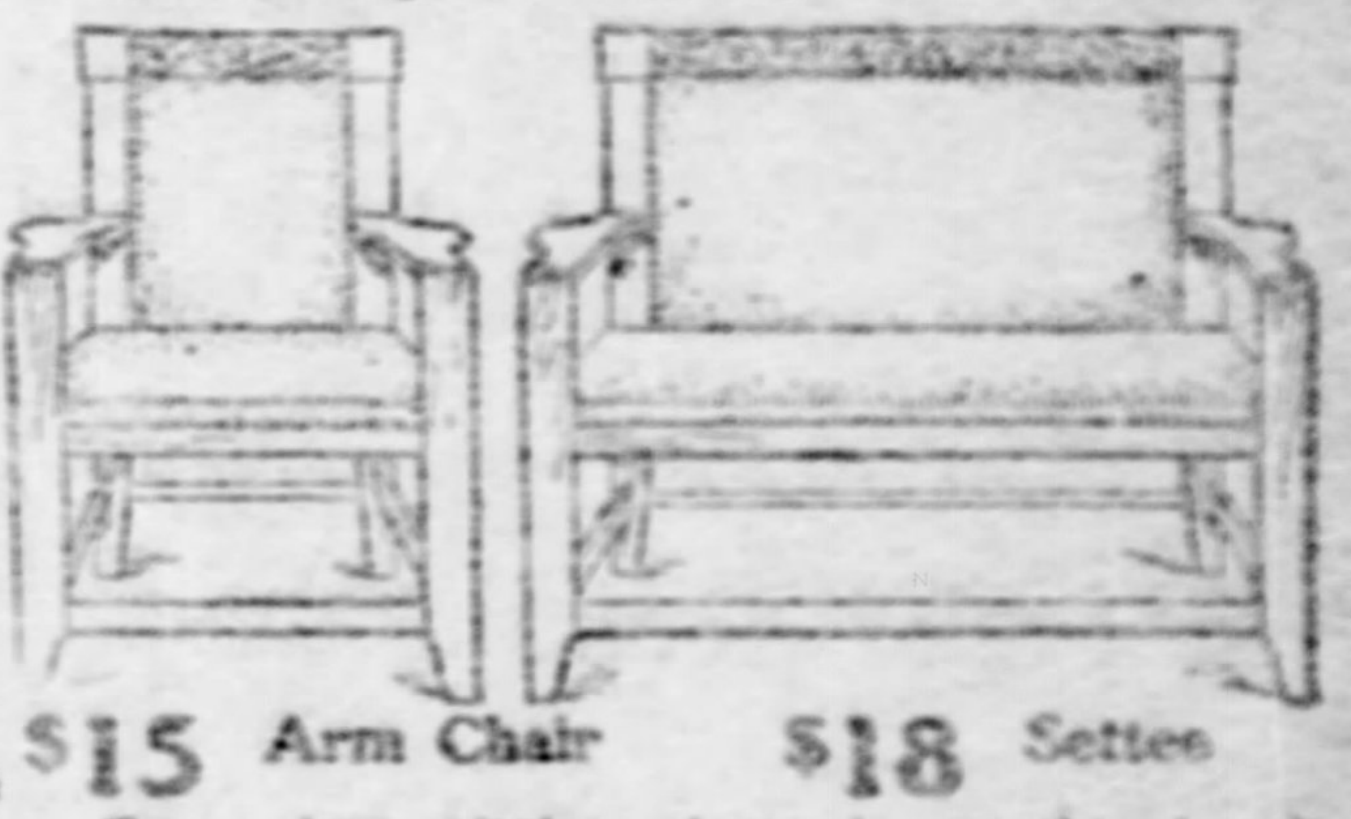

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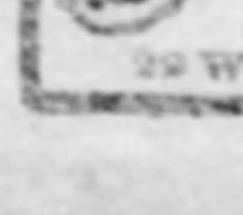

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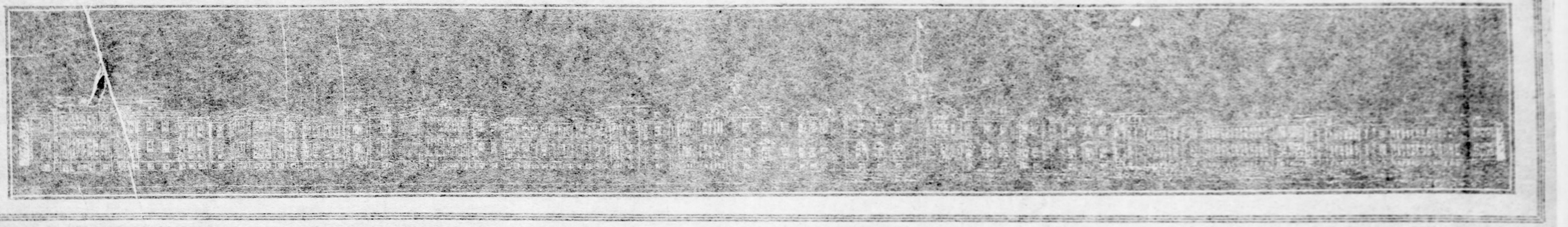

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GOOD WORK OF LOCAL PEOPLE

Contracts will soon be let for the construction of the new Homeopathic State Hospital for the Insane. Ground will be broken in the spring and within one year from that time the institution will be ready for occupancy. It is to cost about $800,000 and will accommodate over 1,000 patients. It is to be strictly under homeopathic control and will be the second hospital of the kind in the United States.

The institution was provided for under an act approved over two years ago. A commission to erect it was appointed some time ago and has been at work about one year. Heretofore no plans have been made public. Dr. L. H. Willard of Allegheny, a member of the commission, and Dr. C. B. King, have selected the site. In this respect the hospital has been fortunate. About 400 acres between Allentown and Bethlehem have been secured and the place by nature is well adapted for just such a place. The buildings will be located between two knolls, one higher than the other, at which point a reservoir will be installed to furnish water power. A number of springs nearby will be used. On either side are forests, and behind the site flows the Lehigh river. At the left will be a home for women nurses.

The movement was inaugurated by the Allegheny County Homeopathic society and by Philadelphians. They have received the hearty co-operation of the state board of charities and of physicians all over the state, who are anxious to have Homeopathy try its hand at treating the insane of the state. The government needs accommodations for 1,300 more insane and the new hospital will about meet this demand.

The buildings will be of brick and granite and will be arranged in pavilion style. In the center will be the administration building, three stories high, and at the sides, the pavilions, two stories. An appropriation of $250,000 is still on hand.

The only institution of the kind is that at Middletown, N. Y. The Pennsylvania hospital will excel that in New York in many respects, it is stated. The equipment will be modern and the electrical apparatus is to be a feature among the many new appliances.

There is a coincidence in that the first homeopathic college of the state was located at Allentown, two miles from the hospital site. The commission appointed to erect the buildings is as follows: William T. Marshall, Allegheny, chairman; William H. Keyser, Philadelphia, secretary; William P. Snyder, Spring City, treasurer; Philip H. Johnson, Philadelphia, architect; Francis S. Brown, Philadelphia, attorney; Franklin T. Cheney, Philadelphia, clerk; John T. Harrison, Germantown; Dr. Louis H. Willard, Allegheny; Dr. I. W. Heysinger, Philadelphia, and F. T. L. Keiter, Allentown.

FIRE LOSS OF $25,000.

Gallagher Lumber & Planing Mill Company's Plant Badly Damaged.

The building occupied by the Gallagher Lumber and Planing Mill Company and owned by the city of Pittsburgh, at the corner of Short and Water streets, was the scene of a $25,000 fire at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The fire started in the portion of the building occupied by the Gallagher company, and the loss to this concern is estimated at $15,000. A portion of the lower floor is occupied by the city machine shop, and the loss to Pittsburgh will be about $10,000. Both losses are fully covered by insurance.

The fire was discovered in the cellar near the Water street end of the building, and it is thought that one of the sockets which support the shafting under the floor became overheated, setting fire to the woodwork. As soon as the fire was discovered Supt. E. W. Miller of the city machine shop attached a hose to a fire plug and in this way stopped the spread of the flames until the arrival of the fire department. J. W. Gallagher of the lumber company stated that operations will be resumed in a few days.

BOY FATALLY SHOT.

He Received Double Charge Fired by Companion at Quail.

MONONGAHELA, PA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—While out hunting today with two companions, Bernard Easton, aged 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Easton of Elizabeth, received injuries which will probably result fatally. Young Easton was visiting at the home of Mrs. Laura Dickey of Fallowfield township. He was hunting with her son, Wesley Dickey, and Charles Cooper, aged 18, son of John S. Cooper of the Monongahela Trust Company.

Easton got within range of Cooper's shotgun just as he fired at a quail and received the charge in the neck, breast and arms. His throat was perforated. He was removed to the Dickey home and Dr. C. P. Wood summoned. The boy's parents were sent for on account of his critical condition. Young Cooper is distracted over the accident.

COUNCILS DELAY LIGHT CONTRACT

City Charter Prevents Approval of Any Bid Until Ordinance Is Passed.

LARKIN USES STRONG WORDS

Four-year bids for the city street lighting contract will be opened tomorrow by Mayor William B. Hays and Director E. M. Bigelow, but the contract cannot be let until councils have passed the ordinance authorizing the letting of the contract. There is no provision of the city charter that prevents bids being advertised for or opened but the charter does state that "no contract shall be let until councils have passed an ordinance providing for the letting of the same by the mayor and the head of the proper department."

The ordinance authorizing the letting of the contract for four years, at $400,000 a year, has not yet been reported to councils by the public works committee, but will probably reach councils at the next meeting. In all probability the ordinance will be amended by councils to limit the contract to one year and to reduce the amount to the sum expended this year, $360,000.

If the ordinance is amended Director Bigelow will be forced to readvertise for new bids. If the ordinance passes in its present shape it will be "up to" the mayor to veto the ordinance if he retains his objections to a four-year contract.

Councilman W. H. Stevenson said yesterday that a strong fight would be made in common council on the four-year contract and that the finance committee would not appropriate $400,000 for street lighting next year.

Objects to the Price.

"The price is outrageous," he said. "I do not know what the company will do if councils make the appropriation less than $400,000. It may fight and the city may be left in darkness but I guess we could afford to use lanterns for awhile."

The present contract with the Allegheny County Light Company expires the first of January. There will not be another meeting of councils until December 28, unless a special session is called. If the light ordinance is amended at the next meeting, as seems likely, it will have to go over until the following meeting, on January 11, before it can be passed finally and then will have to go to the other branch of councils before it reaches the mayor.

Director E. M. Bigelow said yesterday that he did not believe the Allegheny County Light Company would attempt to shut off the lights at the expiration of the present contract if the councils do not grant them a four-year contract, but, as stated by Mr. Stevenson, there are some councilmen who fear that this may occur.

Controller John B. Larkin recovered yesterday and returned to his office to break into the light controversy. The controller said that he might refuse to countersign a four-year contract. The controller claims that Director Bigelow has no right to let a contract for a longer period than the appropriations which are made annually. The language of the city charter on this point is not clear.

Larkin Enters the Fight.

Director Bigelow claims authority to let the contract for four years, or any number of years not to exceed ten years. This authority is given clearly in a portion of the new charter, the same right being given to make contracts with water and gas companies. As soon as he got to the city hall yesterday the controller began work on a statement which is as follows:

I have no quarrel with Mr. Bigelow or any other official of this city on any subject, but in the discharge of my duty to the people, will always object to unwarranted outlay for any purpose, and especially protest against entering into a contract with a monopoly for four years, when ordinances assuring the city and the people of the city a lower rate for light, are purposely hung up in select council to prevent competition.

That system got its death blow in the spring of 1902, and shall not be reinaugurated if this office can prevent; and where it is powerless it will furnish all the notice and information it has or can secure, of any attempt to prevent the city or the people from getting the best public service at the lowest price.

I may be compelled to countersign a contract giving great advantage to a monopoly, but will not do so so long as there is a loophole to escape it, and will use any influence I have in light as in other matters, to break up the practice of looting the city treasury.

Data From Other Cities.

When making comparison of cost of light, water, fire, police or street cleaning service, I have always taken as a unit of measure some city corresponding to this in area and population; but as conditions are not always the same I have selected all cities approximately the same as this city, so that people might easily and promptly form their own conclusions. Last year, for appropriation purposes, I reached out everywhere for data on all subjects covered by our appropriations and, as they were more complete on light than those of the present year at this time, I submit them as the figures furnished by the cities named to the United States government for its municipal reports.

The cost includes light for all public purposes, whether on streets, alleys or in buildings, used for city purposes. According to census of 1900 for population it is as follows:

	Area. Sq. Miles.	Population.	Cost of Light.
Cleveland	34	381,000	$239,037
Buffalo	42	352,000	290,000
Cincinnati	35	326,000	326,000
Detroit	29	285,704	100,000
Pittsburgh	28	321,900	360,000

Reduced to square miles a comprehensive view is quickly had of near and similar cities without straining the nerves to bring Boston, New York or Philadelphia within range of comparison:

Pittsburgh, light costs, per sq. mile	$12,857 14
Cincinnati, light costs, per sq. mile	9,314 28
Cleveland, light costs, per sq. mile	7,030 51
Buffalo, light costs, per sq. mile	6,904 76
Detroit, with her own plant, per square mile	3,448 27

Bigelow's Proposal Increases Cost.

The last proposition ($400,000) for Pittsburgh, will cost $14,285 71 per square mile. That tells the whole story, so that he who runs may read.

The agitation of this and other questions as they relate to this city should bring desired changes—in any event, will disclose the art, means and men used to build fences between the people and that which they are entitled to.

I am glad to see the mayor has taken the question up. He has large power to correct abuses, and "may disapprove of any item or items of any bill making appropriations, and the parts of the bill approved shall be law; and the item or items disapproved shall be void, unless repassed according to the rules and limitations prescribed by law for the passage of bills over the mayor's veto." I will gladly join him in any measure for better and more economic government and will stay to the limit.

While on this subject, I may be excused for stating that two of the gas companies engaged in supplying Cleveland's public light, pay into the city treasury semi-annually, 6¼ per cent of their gross receipts, which last year amounted to $84,284 61. This is in return for franchises and is required to be paid into a sinking fund, principal and accretions to be used for building and furnishing a new city hall. The imposition of this tax, which was not contested, began in 1896 by a payment of $42,113 00, and has grown constantly ever since until the yearly amount has more than doubled. It is well enough to talk about the wealth of this city and the ability of city and people to pay well for what they get, but consumers should first get what they pay for, whether they be rich or poor.

TYPHOID FEVER KILLED FIFTEEN IN ONE WEEK

There were 154 deaths in the city last week, the same number as the preceding week, as against 149 in the same week last year. The principal causes were: Typhoid fever, 15; smallpox, 8; consumption, 17; pneumonia, 24; bronchitis, 6; diphtheria, 4; violence, 15. During the week there were reported 113 cases of typhoid fever, 22 of scarlet fever, 29 of diphtheria and 25 of smallpox. Seventeen cases of typhoid fever, one of scarlet fever and four of diphtheria were reported yesterday.

WAGE REDUCTION AFFECTS SCOTCH STEEL MAKERS

LONDON, Dec. 16.—In consequence of the reduction of wages by the United States Steel Corporation, the Scotch steel makers are negotiating with the view of fixing selling prices and amending the wage scale.

Steel Workers Have Grievance.

President Theodore J. Shaffer of the Amalgamated association is in Youngstown endeavoring to settle a dispute caused by a misinterpretation of a clause in the scale.

CAWLEY FOUND TO BE INSANE

Homestead Boy, Who Killed Five Members of His Family, Not a Murderer.

INVENTION LED TO MANIA

As was expected, a verdict of insanity was rendered in the case of Charles Cawley, the Homestead boy who was tried for killing his mother, three sisters and a brother on the night of October 10, 1902, when he made an attack on the family, slaying five of them and injuring two. His elder brother, James, was aroused and succeeded in saving his own life and two other members of the family.

The prisoner smiled when he heard the verdict and kissed his sister Mamie goodby before being led to jail. An order of court will commit him to some institution. Cawley appeared unconscious of his position, displaying emotion only when his brother James was telling the familiar story. Rody P. Marshall represented the defense and District Attorney Haymaker conducted the prosecution.

James Cawley, 21 years old, a brother of the prisoner, was called, and for the first time during the trial the prisoner showed interest. His face flushed and he dropped his head on his arm. He soon resumed a calm demeanor and demonstrated through the trial that the verdict of the jury was justified.

The witness said that on the night of the murder his sister Mamie and his brother Harry were away. Charles spent the evening working on drawings of a street railway brake he had invented, the patents for which were issued shortly after his incarceration in jail and which is supposed to have driven him insane. The witness was in bed and was awakened by a noise. Then Charles came into the room with an ax and attacked him. He sprang out of bed and defended himself with a chair. Finally Charles ceased his attacks and began to shout "Burglars, robbers." The witness, after he had overpowered Charles, visited the rooms of his mother, whom he found in a pool of blood on the floor. Her head had been beaten in with an ax. His sisters, Annie, Isabelle and Adelaide, and a brother, Raymond were so badly injured they died in a few days. Another brother and a baby sister were injured, but recovered. James took Charles into the street, where two officers arrested him. The outside doors of the house were locked.

Mamie Cawley, the eldest sister, gave no direct testimony. As she left the stand she went over to the prisoner, stroked his head and tried to explain to him the nature of the defense.

Mrs. Mary A. McHugh, an aunt of the prisoner, gave evidence to show that Cawley had a deep affection for his mother. She said he was a bright, industrious boy, gave all his wages to his mother, had no bad habits and was very fond of his mother.

Charles M. Taylor, clerk in the jail, told of Cawley's conduct while a prisoner. He had not shown any sorrow over the loss of his family. Cawley insisted that he was sane and became angry when it was intimated that he was not. Philip Newhard, another jail clerk, told a similar story.

Dr. W. J. Walker of Diamont said he had been called by the district attorney to examine Cawley. Characteristics of epilepsy were present, the most prominent being loss of memory. In his opinion, Cawley on the night of the murder was the victim of what physicians call automatism. His crying "burglars" was the outward sign of a paroxysm which ushers in the disease. His constant working on his patents and his fear that someone would discover his secret would produce this condition. His unwillingness to have a plea of insanity made for him was evidence of the disease, and further proof was found in the condition of the tongue, which the doctor had found bitten by paroxysms of the muscles of the jaw. Dr. T. M. McKennan, who had also examined Cawley, corroborated Dr. Walker.

There were no arguments and but a brief charge by the court, which leaned toward the plea of insanity. The jury was out but 15 minutes and brought in the verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity. Cawley was unconcerned when he stood up to listen to the finding and did not seem to realize what was going on. After the jury had been discharged he talked to his sister a few minutes, kissed her goodby and was taken back to his cell in the jail.

MABEL PARKER JURY COULD NOT AGREE

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—In the case of Mabel Singerly, wife of James B. Singerly, alias James Parker of Pittsburgh, who has been on trial in the court of general sessions on a charge of forgery, the jury came in this afternoon and announced that it could not agree. The jury stood seven for conviction and five for acquittal. The prisoner was remanded to the Tombs. The young woman expressed herself as greatly disappointed. She expected an acquittal.

J. SMILEY WIGHTMAN SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

J. Smiley Wightman, president of select council, who reported by his family yesterday afternoon to be slightly improved, but it is stated that he is not yet out of danger. His family, however, have strong hope of his recovery, although he may be confined to his home for a couple of weeks at least. Reports that Mr. Wightman's illness had developed into pneumonia was denied.

AMERICAN WARSHIP ORDERED TO KOREA

Minister Allen Cables for Protection in Impending Far Eastern Crisis.

[Special Telegram to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—American interests in Korea, where great unrest prevails on account of the strained relations of Russia and Japan, will be protected by an American warship. It was learned today at the state department that Minister Allen had cabled that a warship should reach Chemulpo, the port of Seoul, before the harbor entrance became frozen over, so that if a crisis does arise the interests of Americans may be protected. The navy department has been notified of conditions there, and the Wilmington is considered the ship most available for the duty.

Minister Allen's repeated requests for the opening of the port of Wiju to the world's commerce has not yet been complied with. The Korean government offered no covert objections to such opening, but appears bewildered at the request. Minister Allen is pressing the point very strongly.

It is evident the situation in the far east is regarded most seriously here. Secretary Hay and his advisers on Chinese affairs have little hope that war between Russia and Japan has been averted. They regard it as merely deferred by the negotiations now in progress.

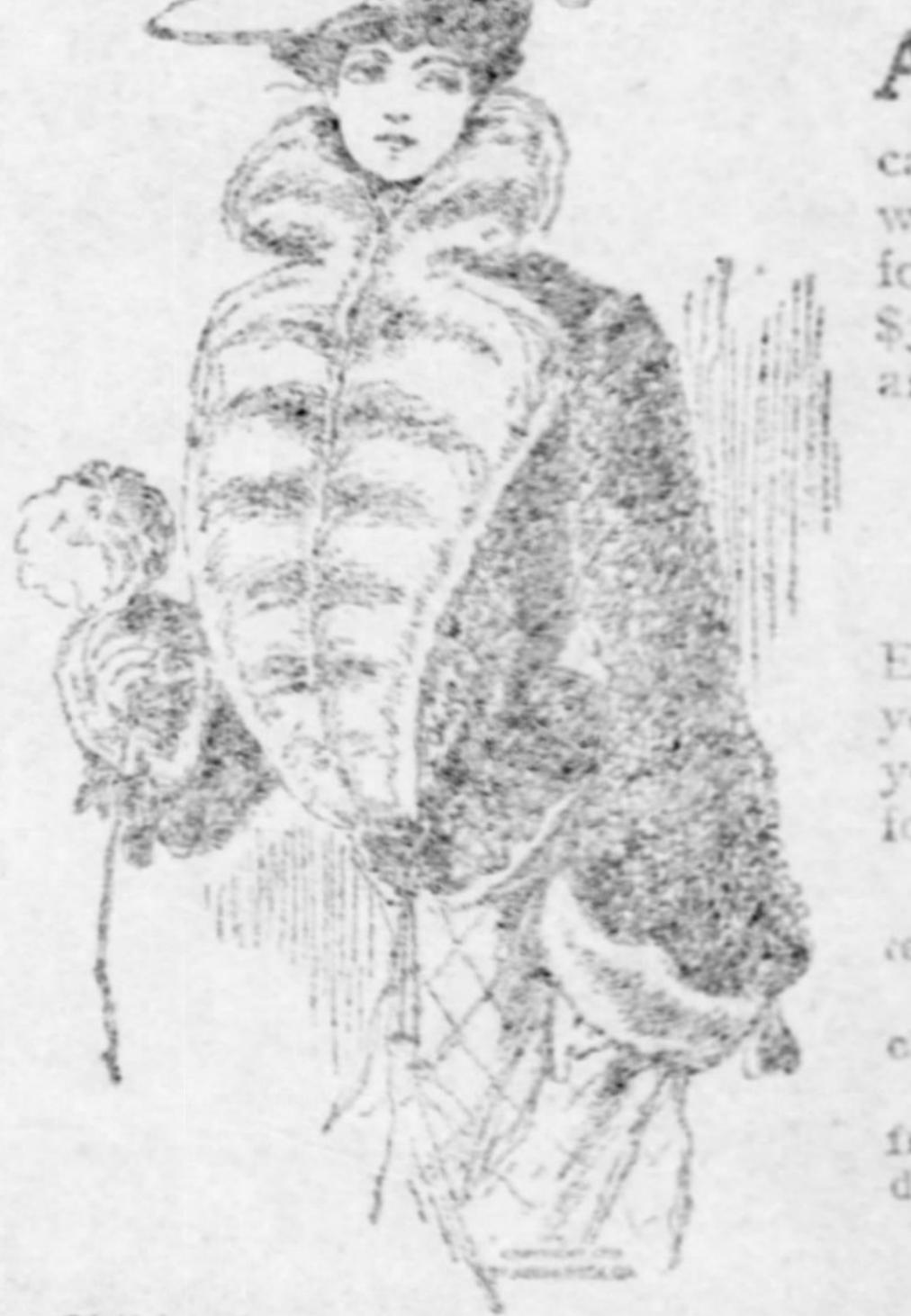
TOKYO, Dec. 16.—In consequence of Russia's reply a special conference of the elder statesmen of Japan, including the Marquis Ito and the cabinet ministers, is proceeding here. It is understood that the statesmen are considering the adoption of a firm stand against Russia. Gen. Kodama, the war minister, was present for the first time at the conference. There is renewed activity at the admiralty, in view of a possible naval demonstration.

WILL ORGANIZE TO FIGHT MIDNIGHT HUMMING BIRD

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Scientific investigators of national reputation assembled here today to consider methods of exterminating the mosquito. Preventive methods were discussed, mainly in the line of filling up the ponds in which the mosquitoes breed. Owing to New Jersey's national reputation in the mosquito line, Gov. Murphy of that state presided. Resolutions advocating a national organization for waging war on mosquitoes were adopted.

New Line Opened to Trafford City.

Cars on the Wilmerding branch of the Pittsburgh Railways Company yesterday ran over the new bridge over Turtle creek and the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at Turtle Creek for the first time. The cars from Wilmerding to Pitcairn and Trafford City made their first run yesterday.



Commencing tomorrow, this store will be open evenings till 10 o'clock till Christmas

Full dress apparel—if the clothes fit—and it's our duty to see to that part of it, you can't tell your evening dress apparel from that made by an expert custom tailor. Kaufmann's full dress apparel is synonymous with perfection. Prices a little more than one-half custom tailors charge.

KAUFMANN'S
"THE BIG STORE"

Coachmen's livery—you can't go wrong in buying your coachmen's livery here—because everything respecting it is exactly right. We direct attention to the new automobile, livery or footmen's coats, with genuine astrachan shawl collar and cuffs. They are sightly, serviceable and warm.

A most opportune clothing sale and the most attractive trade event of the year

In the manufacturing world no concern stands higher than

Fechheimer, Fishel & Co., 250 Broadway, N. Y. Hornthal, Benjamin & Riem, 26 E. Fourteenth st., N. Y.

The $125,000 worth of clothing purchased for 78,000 from these two concerns enables our quoting prices averaging about 60c on the dollar, viz:

6.00 for suits and overcoats worth up to $12

The suits include single and 3-button double-breasted sack coats, in fancy mixtures, cassimeres, worsteds, black thibets and blue cheviots—all sizes of overcoats, in various cloths, in addition to oxford raincoats, the latter an exceptionally great bargain.

12.00 for suits and overcoats worth up to $20

The suits in this lot are hand tailored, single and double-breasted sacks, in the season's choicest materials.

Overcoats come in all lengths, in all the popular materials. Special attention is directed to the new 52-in. fancy mixed belted backs.

18.00 for suits and overcoats worth up to $30

These are all fine custom-made garments. In addition to single and double-breasted sacks there are English walking coats and Prince Albert coats.

The overcoats embrace every modish and correct style, from the medium length to the extreme long 50-in. box style.

Men's all-wool chinchilla reefers, 2.35 a most exceptional offer, regular $3.50 and and $4 values. Dark blue, with ulster or velvet collar, cassimere lining, all sizes, including extra stouts, up to 46 in., big men will heartily welcome this bargain. We bought 500 at a big price concession—hence instead of $3.50 and $4, we say 2.35.

Men's furnishings

PERPLEXING, isn't it, to pick out just the proper thing for your many male friends? Hit on something in men's furnishings and you can't go wrong. Every man can use and will appreciate a couple of shirts or ties, a pair of gloves or a muffler. "The Big Store's" dress accessories for men possess tone and character.

Men's holiday neckwear—our famous 50c line has just been reinforced by two big shipments of even prettier novelties than those which have been so much admired here lately—four-in-hands, tecks and puffs, in swellest designs and colorings. 50c

Men's 50c neckwear 25c—this offer is due to our purchase of the entire surplus stock of a large neckwear manufacturer—four-in-hand and teck styles, in very nobby designs and colorings—6,000 of them to go at each 25c

Men's silk mufflers—beautiful spots, figures and plaids, in the new color combinations, also plain black and white self figures. 98c

Men's pure silk mufflers—many imported from London and Paris, exquisite novelties made of richest silks, in the swellest designs—prices 1.50 to 5.00

Holiday suspenders—each pair put up in a holiday box, ready for presentation, fancy webbings, in stripes and figures or in plain black, white or other shades sterling silver buckles—pair 1.00

350 women's cloth coats
Former price $18, $20 and $28
Reduced to 10.00

THEY'RE ends of lines—therefore the big price cut. Being the best and most popular styles—they quickly sold to remnant form. An offer like the above coming right in the midst of the holiday season will undoubtedly prove a great drawing card. If you'd share in this bargain be sure to come in today—there'll hardly be any left for the next day. Kerseys, cheviots, zibelines and coverts are the materials—the styles include half-fitting and military cape effects, corset coats and three-quarter length coats—in black, blue, brown, tan and castor, all sizes in the lot at 10.00.

Women's coats reduced from $10 and $12 to 5.00—new military effect or regular styles, made of cheviots, kerseys and zibelines, in black, blue, brown and castor—special sale price 5.00

Women's silk velour coats—in the swellest blouse, three-quarter length and loose fitting effects, trimmed with embroidery, silk strapping or lace—lined with soft silk, in light or dark colors—reduced from $18, $21, $25 and $30 to 14.00

Women's silk velour coats and fancy silk coats, imported model garments—most exquisite styles, three-quarter length or short effect—reduced from $40, $50 and even $60 to 25.00

Women's suits marked down

200 women's tailor-made suits—reduced from $21, $25, $30 and $35 16.50

These suits are made of cheviots, broadcloths, zibelines, coverts and novelty fancy mixtures—the coats in three-quarter length, blouse or fly-front effect, the skirts in walking or dress lengths.

Women's silk velvet suits—reduced from $35, $40 and $50, to 25.00

This very special offer includes the newest blouse, three-quarter and short coat jacket suits, with dress length skirts, with or without drop; beautifully strapped, embroidered or plain corded effect.

Children's and misses' fur sets, consisting of round or flat muff and stole or pelerine shape collar—in thibet, squirrel, ermine, lamb, beaver, angora, fox, etc., at considerably lowered prices, ranging from 98c to 25.00

Women's $200 and $350 fur coats, special at 100.00

A MOST extraordinary offer to be sure. A chance affair, so to speak. We happily came across a furrier who needed cash quickly. He got our money; we got his coats. As we buy we sell—thus the good fortune reverts to you. Think of buying for 100.00 a handsome, perfect fur garment worth from $200 to $350. Almost incredible, isn't it—it's a fact nevertheless. Come and be convinced.

Embraced are plain Persian lamb, Persian with sable, moire astrachan with sable, broadtail with mink, broadtail with chinchilla; squirrel, Alaska or Copper Island seal.

Every garment is made in the newest fashion—22 or 24-in. Eton, blouse or three-quarter length style. If he intends buying you a fur coat for Christmas, call his attention to this offer. If you've waited for just such a chance as this, embrace it quickly, for there are only 30 coats in the lot.

Persian lamb coats—made of full skins—real value $100, for 55.00

Extra lot of blue lynx, blue fox or blue chinchilla scarfs, reduced from $40 to 25.00

Finest nearseal coats—can hardly be told from the real seal—guaranteed lined—reduced from $35 to 22.50

Extra fine Isabella or sable fox scarfs, in new pelerine shape or flat effect, squirrel lined, fine fluffy fur, 10.00

Special lot of Isabella, sable fox or squirrel scarfs, in pelerine or flat shape effect, good length—reduced from $10 to 5.00

Separate skirt specials

Regular $4 and $5 skirts—made of fine mixed materials, cheviots or plain meltons, beautifully stitched or strapped, in the new 7 or 9-gore effects—all are carefully tailored and finished—500 in the lot—all reduced from $4 and $5 to only 2.50

Regular $8.50, $9 and $10 skirts—newest walking and dress styles, made of splendid all-wool mixed materials, broadcloth, cheviots and fancy novelty cloths, 9 or 12-gore strapped hip effect, tailor stitched—reduced to 5.00

Gloves for Xmas

PROGRESSIVENESS is the keynote of this mercantile organization. Things are never allowed to come to a standstill. Last year's Christmas glove stock was best—last year. This year's stock is best this year. The following are some of the most popular lines with gift buyers:

Women's imported kid gloves—with 2 clasps, all colors in embroidery, all sizes, exceptional value for, pair 75c

Women's mannish or walking gloves—heavy cape, pique sewn, one large clasp; black or the newest tans and oaks; also pique mocha gloves, pair 1.00

Women's dress gloves—our famous "Beatrice" suedes, in black, white, or any tint to match any gown—pair 1.25

The world's best gloves—Trefousse suede and glace, [illegible] Fowne's English walking and [illegible] pique washable gloves—pair 2.00

Our "Queen Quality" gloves for street or dress wear, 2 clasps, swell Paris backs; guaranteed [illegible]—pair 1.25

Our famous "[illegible]" 2 clasp genuine kid gloves, suede or glace, also our "[illegible]" top gloves, with one pearl button, and silk lined gauntlets, best glove obtainable at 1.50

The world-renowned Jouvin over-seam gloves with two large [illegible] clasps, also Marvel washable kid gloves—pair 1.[illegible]

BUSTER BROWN,
THE FUNNIEST AND MOST REFINED OF COMIC PAGES, IN THE SUNDAY GAZETTE.

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

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DOINGS OF THE
COON HOLLOW BUNCH
IN NEXT SUNDAY'S GAZETTE
WILL MAKE YOU LAUGH........

AMERICANS WILL FIGHT THE RULE

Ban Johnson Says Foul Strike Must Go and There Is Likely to Be Lively Doings.

DEACON PHIL'S OPINION

Ban Johnson's promise to produce some baseball sensations will cause the lovers of the game to keep an anxious eye toward Chicago for the next few days. The American league is booked to meet in the Windy City today and if the leader of the organization keeps his word there should be some lively baseball doings for the next few days.

The action of the Americans on the foul-strike rule will be of great interest, as there is every reason to believe that there will be a fight in the organization if any attempt is made to do away with that rule. A few of the club owners have declared themselves against the rule, and Ban Johnson has taken up their cry and will make the fight for them. There are, however, some club owners who look on the rule as a good thing, and these are backed up by almost every manager in the league, who do not propose to allow the others to upset the playing rules, so that some lively times may be looked for at the meeting.

Ned Hanlon's plan to promote batting by further penalizing the pitcher was up for discussion in local baseball headquarters yesterday, and Deacon Phillippe, who was an interested listener, remarked: "If, as Hanlon says, the plan is to only move the pitcher back about a foot to the middle of the diamond, then I can't see that much harm will be done because the pitchers will be able to overcome that slight handicap. However, so far as I am concerned, I don't care if they put the pitcher back on second base, because if the other clubs can get along I think I will manage to worry through, and you will find the old boy on deck dishing them up as usual. The pitchers have become so used to being handicapped that they look for a move of that kind every year."

A special from Chicago says: "It is a practical certainty that the committee which President Johnson of the American league will appoint at the annual meeting tomorrow will be instructed by the magnates to abolish the foul-strike rule. The American league secured the promise of James A. Hart and Max Fleischmann of the National league rules committee last year that if the rule did not prove satisfactory they would vote for its abolishment. Unless present plans fail the two National league magnates will be held to their promise.

"I do not think that the public favors the foul-strike rule very much," said President Johnson yesterday. "I should not be surprised if the American league owners would decide to drop the rule. If they do Mr. Fleischmann of Cincinnati and James A. Hart of Chicago will vote with us, as they promised us to that effect last year."

The meeting of the magnates, which will be held at the Auditorium annex, will probably last two days. It may run over into Saturday. Frank Farrell will represent the New York club at the meeting. It will be decided at this gathering whether or not to press the charges against President Freedman of the New York club. It is quite likely that charges will be preferred against the New York magnate.

ANOTHER WORLD BEATER.

St. Louis Sports Have Unearthed an Opponent for Jeffries.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—A St. Louis syndicate, headed by Mal Doyle, a local pugilistic character, claims to have discovered an opponent for Jim Jeffries, who will wrest the championship from him. The unknown is about 7 feet 10 inches tall, they claim, and has a marvelous physique, being an adept at boxing.

The unknown is 22 years old. He was employed as a brakeman on a Southern Missouri railroad and is at present working on a farm in that locality. It is the intention of the syndicate to bring him to St. Louis, establish a camp on the outskirts of the city and train him in private for a championship battle with Jeffries during the World's fair.

SOME LIVELY BOUTS.

Local Fighters Put Up Fast Sport in Allegheny.

The Allegheny Gymnastic club held a smoker at their club house on Ohio street and pulled off some fast bouts. The first bout was between Joe Joos and Harry Brown, both of Allegheny, and after four rounds of fast fighting the bout was declared a draw.

The second bout was between Costello and Cosgrove, both of Philadelphia. Costello quit in the second round and the fight was given to Cosgrove. The third bout was between young Allen of Manchester and Kid Stahl of Allegheny. It lasted six fierce rounds and Stahl was declared the winner.

Opening Game a Tie.

The Duquesne Amateur league opened its season last night with a very fast and exciting game between Library A. C. and Crescents, which resulted in a tie. Score:

L. A. C.—8.		Crescents—2.
Jones	Goal	Letty
Monteverde	Point	Kingham
Smith	Cover	Kenney
Wood	Forward	Miller
Tierney	Center	Lockrin
Close	Right Wing	"Red"
O. Meyer	Left Wing	Simmeral

G. Sixsmith of the Victorias made a very efficient referee. Goals—Tierney, Close, Miller, Kenney.

CAPT. BROWN'S STRING.

Pittsburgh Will Be Represented in Many Big Events.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Capt. S. S. Brown will race an extensive string on the Washington tracks in 1904. After a look at Proceeds, Auditor, Audience, Conjurer and Villager, Capt. Brown said he would be represented in five western derbies if the colts continued to train. The first effort will be made for the Crescent City derby, with Auditor. Villager or Conjurer will go for the Arkansas derby, and Proceeds will be saved for the Kentucky, Tennessee and the American derby.

"Jock" Menefee Is Released.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—John Menefee, veteran pitcher of the Chicago National league team, was officially released today by President Hart. Menefee, it is understood, will devote his attention to his business at Monessen, Pa.

BASKETBALL NOTES.

The Friendship five visited Mt. Oliver Turner ll and defeated the Knoxville team 10 to 0 very fast and interesting game.

re will be a special meting of the manaf the Allegheny County Major and Minor ball league tonight at 7:30 p. m. Very nt business.

rescent A. C. would like to hear from r 14-year-old team having a hall for this week. Address John Curry, 2228 alley, South Side.

ster club smothered the Acorns last the tune of 74 to 7. The was the irst game this year, and they satismost ardent admirers.

endship five will go to Lawrenceght to play the Foster team in their r of Fortieth and Butler streets, and ave been playing fast ball a good expected.

olonials want games with all 16-yearms having a hall. Marquette Juniors, ls Juniors and Fosters, or any other m. Address W. Gordon, care of Riter-Co., or call 3255 Court.

Kingsley House teams, 50 and 70 pounds, dy to meet all teams of their weight at home on Saturdays, away from home days. Address all communications to m H. Matthews, 3 Fulton street, Pitts-

Freedom Juniors will play games at n Tuesday evenings and would like to rom all good junior teams for games. like to arrange return games with having halls. Address J. R. Brandt, r, Freedom, Pa. Freedom Juniors will e College Hill team from Beaver Falls ay at Freedom.

Railroad Juniors would like to arrange with all 16-year-old teams in Western sylvania, such as Apollo High school, Al- y Reserves, Olympic Juniors, Tarentum, nsburg second, Beaver preps., Fowler A. La Belles, Lafayettes, North Sides and town. For games address E. C. Mueller, reading room, corner Sedgwick and Wash- avenues, or call up 212. Manager

a Trentons meet the Superior A. A. team Allegheny at the Trinity hall tonight. This l be the opening game at Trinity for the r. The preliminary will be furnished by e fast Trinity and the Pastime teams. The atement published by the East Liberty Acady that they had defeated the Trentons was se, as both teams had been practicing tor for the past few weeks, and this game only one of the practice games. ... Address A. Meyers, 28 Trent street.

BOOM FOR FOOTBALL BY W. U. P. STUDENTS

Enthusiastic Meeting Held and Steps Taken to Have a Fine Team in Field Next Year.

The students of the Engineering and Collegiate department of the W. U. P. held a mass meeting in university chapel on Observatory hill yesterday afternoon when the first practical steps towards a first-class football team for next season were taken.

Representatives of the alumni executive committee were present and stated that the alumni had agreed to raise $2,500 as a football guarantee fund if the students would also do something. The students unanimously agreed to put up a $5 athletic fee, to be used for football purposes, in the first place, and, should there be a surplus from football, to devote the money to other branches of athletics, and the alumni fund to be used for football only, to be returned at the end of each season, to be used again the succeeding year.

It was stated at the meeting that President Dreyfuss of the Pittsburgh baseball club had agreed to allow the university the use of Exposition park for football purposes, and this was unanimously accepted. The meeting was such a great success, and so much genuine enthusiasm was shown, that Coach Arthur Mosse, who is to remain at the head of football and athletic affairs, feels very much encouraged and promises a football team that this city will be proud of. It is expected that the other departments of the university will hold meetings similar to that of yesterday.

WILL BE WARM GAME.

P. A. C. and Victoria Sevens Meet Tonight—Canadian Crack Coming.

Manager Miller of the P. A. C. hockey team has signed Frank McLaren, the famous wing of Ontario, who played for two seasons with the Wellingtons, winners of the Ontario cup. On Monday a telegram was received from McLaren accepting an offer made him by P. A. C. The player said he would start for Pittsburgh at once. If he comes he will go in the game against the Victorias this evening.

One of the old-time enthusiastic hockey crowds at Duquesne garden is expected tonight. Over 200 box seats were sold up to last evening, and there will be many box parties at the game. "Peggy" Duval, the Victoria man who played with that team last winter, arrived from Canada yesterday and was at the garden last night. He is in first-class condition and will be in this evening's game. The following will be the lineup:

P. A. C.		Victoria.
Ross	Goal	Mackay
Steen	Point	Spittal
Hamilton	Cover Point	Duval
Robinson	Center	Sixsmith
Wilson	Rover	Roberts
McCarron	Left Wing	Henry
M'Laren-F'nw'k	Right Wing	Sixsmith

Manager A. S. McSwigan of Duquesne garden yesterday received from Yale and Princeton their signed contracts for the appearance of both teams at the garden during the holiday week. The Tigers will arrive first, playing their opening game Saturday evening, December 26, with a local team. The Yale versus Princeton game will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 29 and 30. The garden will be gaily decorated for the events. One side of the rink will be given to the supporters of Yale and the other side to Princeton. The university boys will be the house guests of friends during their stay in Pittsburgh. Many box parties are being formed for the game.

READY FOR MUNROE.

Champion Jeffries Says He Will Give Miner, Also Ruhlin a Fight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—As a result of "Miner" Jack Munroe's decisive victory over Al Limerick, the giant heavyweight, in Boston last night there will probably be a championship heavyweight battle in the near future, with James J. Jeffries defending his title against Munroe. Jeffries is authority for the statement.

When Jeffries learned what Munroe had done he exclaimed: "Good! I am glad to hear it. Perhaps Munroe is better than I thought him. Let him put away a couple more good men, and then he can come to me. He will find me ready to take him on, to give him a chance to win the title.

"As for Ruhlin's offer to give me the entire purse if he cannot put me away in 20 rounds, let Ruhlin get the offer of a good purse, and he is on. He showed pretty poorly in our mix-up before."

KANSAS CITY CHOSEN.

Prohibition National Committee Selects a City for Its Next Convention.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The next national convention of the Prohibition party will be held in Kansas City on Wednesday, June 29. Eight cities—Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Baltimore, Buffalo, Milwaukee and Columbus put in bids for the convention when the national committee met here today, but Kansas City secured twice as many votes as its nearest competitor.

The question of representation of states also was discussed. Many of the delegates favored each state having but one representative instead of two. This, it was argued, would obviate much trouble in voting and in other formalities. No action was taken in the matter other than that the committee will advise a change in the plan of representation at the next convention. The report of Treasurer Samuel Dickie showed that the committee had paid all its bills and had $7,000 to begin its next presidential campaign.

FELL DEAD ON FLOOR.

Excitement Causes Death of Basketball Player.

Clair was manager of the Lyceum basketball team, which played at the Lyceum building against the Allegheny basketball team on Tuesday night. There is a great rivalry among the five teams of this section for the championship and Tuesday night's game was unusually exciting. It is said that Clair became greatly worked up during the game, and this, with the exercise he took yesterday afternoon, brought on the fatal attack. Clair was a sanitary inspector in the Pittsburgh bureau of health, and was subject to weakness of the heart. He was a member of the Epiphany pro-cathedral.

MURDERER OF AN OFFICER NOW DEFIES CAPTURE

RIVER HEAD, L. I., Dec. 16.—William H. Rafford, a deputy sheriff and warden of the county jail, was shot dead today by A. Tuttle Reeves at Aquebogue. Rafford had gone to serve an execution upon Reeves, who has for years had the reputation of being eccentric. The murderer dragged the body out of the house, barricaded the doors and windows, and, armed with a double-barreled shotgun, prepared to resist arrest. The house has been surrounded, but no attack will be made until daylight.

NEW RATHSKELLAR.

Dear Friend—We take great pleasure in your acquaintance and we want you to take a little time when you happen to be in our neighborhood and drop in and take a look at our rathskellar. The immense line of den and rathskellar furniture we have collected is artistically arranged in the basement, and we would be glad to entertain you for a few minutes any time. Understand, this is not an invitation to buy, but just to get better acquainted and to show you what we have to interest you.

Hoping to see you in the near future and wishing you and yours a merry Christmas, we remain,

Yours very truly,
M. H. PICKERING,
Tenth and Penn.

Uncle Sam Will Send

Greeting to All Nations

In less time than the ordinary citizen could wish the friend he passes on the street a "Happy New Year," the president of the United States will send New Year's greetings to all the nations of the world. Incredible as the assertion may seem, the message will actually girdle the earth in 10 seconds. John Elfreth Watkins will tell all about it in the next issue of The Sunday Gazette.

TWO FAVORITES WERE IN FRONT

There Was Some Peculiar Racing at New Orleans and the Public Suffered.

JOCKEYS' NARROW ESCAPE

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—The Bobby and Ivesnia were the winning favorites today. Of the other winners both Eva Russell and Cardinal Wolsey were well supported. J. F. Mayberry, favorite in the third race, fell at the half-mile pole. The colt and rider, W. Hicks, both escaped injury. The Messenger, in the last race, was caught in the barrier and was practically left at the post. When he drew up to the others he was pocketed, but won out by a nose in a hard drive. Weather clear. Track fast. Summaries:

First race, 5 furlongs—Eva Russell, 108, W. Hicks, 5 to 1, won; Palmist, 98, Robbins, 15 to 1, second; Sid Silver, 102, Minder, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:02.

Second race, selling, 1½ miles—The Bobby, 101, Minder, 4 to 5, won; Free Admission, 98, L. Wilson, 8 to 1, second; Hayward Hunter, 99, R. Johnson, 5 to 1, third. Time, 2:10 4-5.

Third race, 2-year-olds, 6 furlongs—Morning Star, 107, H. Phillips, 4 to 1, won; Mr. Pickwick, 99½, Sailing, 8 to 1, second; Bronx, 110, H. Michaels, 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:15 2-5.

Fourth race, selling, 1 mile—Ivernia, 99, Romanelli, 7 to 2, won; Mynheer, 102, Jost, 10 to 1, second; MacBeth, 97, Livingston, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:43.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs—Cardinal Wolsey, 109, Robbins, 3 to 2, won; Bon Mot, 115, H. Michaels, 6 to 5, second; Major Mansir, 112, Gannon, 100 to 1, third. Time, 1:15 2-5.

Sixth race, 1 mile, selling—The Messenger, 104, H. Phillips, 5 to 1, won; Lee King, 86, Jenkins, 30 to 1, second; Pompino, 99, Crawford, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:45 4-5.

THE FRISCO RACES.

Proper Won the Handicap at Ingleside.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Proper, the heavily played favorite, scored an easy victory in the mile and a sixteenth handicap, which was the feature of a good card at Ingleside today. Lord Melbourne, winner of the last race, was bid up from $600 to $1,200 by Frank Doss, but Sidney Bender retained him. Bullman was suspended for three days by Starter Holtman for getting left at the post on Arthur Ray in the first race.

First race, futurity course, selling—Alice Carey, 104, Hildebrand, 6 to 1, won; Mountebank, 109, J. Booker, 11 to 5, second; Puss in Boots, 104, Connell, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:12.

Second race, ¾ mile, purse, 2-year-olds—Rockaway, 115, J. Bullman, 1 to 2, won; Mendon, 109, Foley, 25 to 1, second; Capt. Forsee, 110, Chandler, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:15.

Third race, ⅞ mile, selling—Red Cross Nurse, 98, Foley, 7 to 1, won; Miss Ringlets, 101, J. Martin, 8 to 1, second; The Bugaboo, 112, N. Lewis, 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:29.

Fourth race, 1 1-16 miles, handicap—Proper, 112, J. Martin, 8 to 5, won; Fossil, 107, T. Burns, 11 to 5, second; Oarsman, 114, Wonderly, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:47.

Fifth race, 1 1-16 miles—Nervator, 96, Larson, 4 to 1, won; Sad Sam, 110, Sherwood, 8 to 5, second; Lansdowne, 97, Roach, 25 to 1, third. Time, 1:08¾.

Sixth race, 1 mile and 50 yards, selling—Lord Melbourne, 102, Oliphant, 3 to 5, won; Jane Holly, 110, Bell, 15 to 1, second; Rosarie, 105, Hildebrand, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:45½.

TO PLAY HERE.

Beaver and Wheeling Handball Teams May Meet.

BEAVER, PA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The Beaver Grays' team, which a few months ago won the handball championship of Canada, has accepted the challenge of the Wheeling Admirals team, and a forfeit of $100 has been posted. The Beaver team wants the game to be played at Old City hall, Pittsburgh, on New Year's night, or as near that date as possible. The team has a movable court which could be used in the Pittsburgh building.

The Beaver team is managed by "Tiger" Frank Buerger, champion of the Middle United States. The other Beaver players are Rafferty, Erwin, Garrett and Sabins.

Heston Is Michigan Captain.

ANN ARBOR, MICH., Dec. 16.—Martin Heston, left halfback of the Michigan football team, was today elected captain for 1904. His only rival was Halfback Graver.

THE AMATEUR FIGHTERS PUT UP LIVELY BOUTS

Mike Tunney, the Star of the Show, Was Under Arrest and Failed to Appear.

White's opera house, McKeesport, was packed last night at the opening of the McKeesport Amateur Athletic union tournament. The star attraction of the evening, Mike Tunney of McKeesport, failed to appear, owing to his arrest as he stepped from the scales at Thomas Petty's cafe. The charge against him was preferred by Miss Thompson, daughter of Alderman J. H. Thompson of the Ninth ward, before her father. The latter held Tunney for court under $1,000 bail, and he was sent to jail in default of bail.

Policemen were distributed through the house under Chief Louis E. Rotzsch. Good order prevailed and everything went off smoothly. Chief Rotzsch stood at the ringside and personally superintended the fighting.

105-Pound Boxing—Thomas Trathower, Duquesne A. C., and Teddy McFadden, West End A. C.; Trathower dropped to the floor frequently to avoid vicious swings by McFadden; decision given McFadden. Bert Vaugh, McKeesport A. C., and M. W. Wilson, Braddock; Wilson was knocked down twice and saved from knock-out by gong in the first round; decision awarded to Vaughn. James Reagan, Wilmerding A. C., won by forfeit from Samuel Finley of Pittsburgh. Thomas Bradburn, Wilmerding A. C., and John Vasey of McKeesport A. C.; there was hot fighting in this bout from start to finish; decision was awarded to Vasey. George Young, Pittsburgh, amateur champion of the United States, won by forfeit from James Keiser of Wilmerding A. C.

115-Pound Boxing—Harry Clayton, Greensburg, and Joe Morgan, Wilmerding A. C.; bout was stopped by Chief Rotzsch, as Clayton was outclassed. Edward Cappan, Greenfield A. C., and William Cosgrove of Wilmerding A. C.; this was a pretty exhibition of scientific fighting, both men putting up a strong fight; Cosgrove was saved from knockout in the second round by the gong; referee gave the fight to Cappan, but judges disagreed. James Claffy of Port Vue won on a forfeit from J. McFadden of West End.

125-Pound Boxing—Jack Clayton of Larimer A. C. and John Koerber, Hillside A. C.; Clayton turned a complete handspring in the second round to escape a punch. The handspring act was repeated by Clayton in the third round; the decision was given to Koerber. Tod Lewis, Greenfield A. C., and Joe McNamee, Herron Hill A. C.; McNamee was knocked out in the first round. James Daley of Foster A. C. won on forfeit from John Gillespie of the Glassport A. C. James Doyle of Greenfield A. C. and Joe Morgan of Wilmerding A. C.; Doyle got a badly cut lip in the first round; Morgan won on the decision of the judges. James Griffith of Glassport forfeited to T. O'Tole of McKeesport.

135-Pound Boxing—Frank Donnelly of Homestead and Joe Heniger of Wilmerding A. C.; this was a wrestling match from start to finish; the decision was given to Heniger, who is a brother of York Heniger. Paul Moore, Civic A. C. and Thomas Kennelly of Beaver A. C. of Allegheny; Kennelly was knocked down three times in the first round; the referee gave the bout to Kennelly on a foul.

Peter Ullam and Elmer Morgan, both of McKeesport, gave a four-round exhibition, which was the star bout of the evening. Ullam was almost knocked out in the first round. He came up fresh in the second, while Morgan was winded. The decision went to Ullam.

NEW BOWLING RECORD.

Blue Ribbon Team of Erie Sets a New Mark.

ERIE, PA., Dec. 16.—The world's championship bowling record of 1,152 pins in a league contest was broken this evening by the Blue Ribbon team. The game was between the Blue Ribbon and Duquesne teams of the Central City league, and the score of the players was: Wilson, 170; Eichenlaub, 218; Preble, 246; Dan Koster, 251, and Stahlbrot, 279, a total of 1,164.

This is the team that expects to capture the world's championship at the National meeting in Cleveland in February, 1904.

WILL MEET HERE.

List of Games Between Princeton and Yale Hockey Teams.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Princeton and Yale hockey teams will play a series of games at Pittsburgh during the approaching holidays, as follows: December 26, Princeton vs. Western Pennsylvania; December 28, Princeton vs. Interscholastic of Pittsburgh; December 29 and 30, Princeton vs. Yale; December 31, Yale vs. Western league; January 1, Yale vs. All Interscholastic team.

Allen After Williams.

NEW CASTLE, PA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—William Allen of East Liverpool has written here issuing a challenge to meet Billy Williams, a well-known local featherweight, and in a limited round bout or to a decision. Allen wants to meet the local lad at 110 pounds, while Williams never goes below 118. He is at his best at 120.

PERSONALS

The fourth annual banquet of the Allegheny County Laundrymen's exchange was held last night at the Hotel Henry. About 75 people were present. A. C. Canfield, president, presided. A. R. Young, president of the Inter-County exchange, was one of the speakers.

Walter H. Whiteside, manager of the detail and supply department of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, has also been made general manager of the Sawyer-Man Electric Company. He has been connected with electrical trade interests for nearly 20 years. Mr. Whiteside became a special salesman for the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company in Chicago in 1898. A year later he was sent to Washington, D. C., to take charge of sales to the government. This led, in 1900, to his being made manager of the company's office for that district. From the Washington office he was promoted to the management of the detail and supply department of the company, with headquarters at Pittsburgh.

Neighbors Visiting Pittsburgh.

The nearby residents registered at the local hotels last night were as follows:

Henry—N. A. Andrews, Youngstown; George Mansbach, Fairmont; E. Ford, Toledo; T. S. Crago, Waynesburg; George W. Ashbaugh, East Liverpool; P. M. Morse, Uniontown.

Duquesne—S. S. Hume, Titusville; George Gardner, Alliance; R. H. Bulley, Canton.

Colonial—N. R. Cummins, Springfield; C. H. Batch, Jeannette; L. Paul, Wheeling; B. O. Johnson, Altoona; V. T. Jones, Sharon; G. T. Algeo, Bellaire.

Lincoln—R. E. Bragdon, Youngstown; G. T. Boaks, East Liverpool; George M. Hoblitzell, Hyndman.

Griswold—George W. Wise, Wooster; A. Ulricken, Altoona; P. A. Hellizen, Clarksburg.

Monongahela House—A. W. Smith, Clearfield; C. A. Miller, Youngstown; J. P. Cameron, New Castle; N. Butler, Reading; W. A. McConnel, Beaver; J. H. Allison, Franklin.

Anderson—E. Matin, Punxsutawney; W. E. Robins, Washington.

Seventh Avenue—W. R. Cunningham, Toledo; J. C. Frederick, Leetonia; C. B. Fisher, East Liverpool; J. R. Fritz, Oil City.

Newell's—T. W. Jones, New Castle.

SHOT MAN IN SELF-DEFENSE.

Assaulted Because He Objected to Visitor to His House.

CUMBERLAND, MD., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Elias Weatherford, aged 48, a respected citizen of Coalton, W. Va., shot and seriously wounded George Wyatt, aged 22, on the main street of the town yesterday. Wyatt became incensed at Weatherford because the latter would not let him call on a domestic at his home and began abusing him, and finally assaulted him. Weatherford attempted to get away and then fired in self-defense. The bullet entered Wyatt's body just above the heart and will prove fatal.

Men Charge False Pretense.

The Allegheny police are trying to suppress fake employment bureaus. The office of the German Employment Bureau, 427 West Robinson street, was closed yesterday. Mrs. Fannie Weber, the owner, was not taken to the lockup because she is sick. She is charged by Bennett Stewart and John Carter of Washington, Pa., with taking money from them under false pretenses.

Holiday Excursion Fares to Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Intermediate Points Via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Tickets at greatly reduced rates on sale at Pittsburgh and points west December 24th, 25th and 31st and January 1st, good returning until January 4th inclusive. Consult agents Baltimore & Ohio railroad for further particulars.

Easy Money.

If you need money for the holidays or any other purpose, consult the MECHANICS LEASE & TRUST CO., 401 BIJOU BUILDING, 611 PENN AVE. They loan from $10 to $1,000 on furniture, pianos, household goods, or any other kind of security, on liberal terms. Easy payments and strictly confidential.

ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE.

Italian Charged With Killing Boy Who Annoyed Him During a Play.

BEAVER, PA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Andrew Oliven, the Italian who was charged with killing Samuel Hendrickson, aged 18, on the steps of the Rochester opera house on the night of November 24, was placed on trial here today before Judge J. Sharp Wilson. The Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of which the dead boy was a member, employed counsel to assist the district attorney. Thirty-one names were called before a jury was empaneled.

The prosecution closed this afternoon and the case will probably go to the jury tomorrow. Hendrickson died from a bullet wound in the abdomen. The testimony developed that Hendrickson had been annoying the Italian during the play at the opera house and while coming down the stairs at the close of the performance he had shoved Oliven. It was further testified that Hendrickson had struck Oliven just before the shooting occurred.

HE HAD TOO MUCH MONEY TO REMAIN LOCKED UP

Too drunk to take care of himself and $1,000 in bills, which he carried in an overcoat, Joe Merrimac, a Pole who runs a boarding house in Beechwood boulevard, was arrested in Eleventh street last night and sent to the Penn avenue station. After being locked up for some time he demanded to be released on deposit, which was done. It was then his turn to "extend courtesies." He offered to buy a pair of shoes for Sergeant Gray and fill the stables with new patrol horses. He was finally placed on a car and sent home, but without his money.

Death of John S. Lang.

John S. Lang died yesterday at his residence, No. 1305 Arch street, after a brief illness. Mr. Lang was born in Shippenville, Clarion county, almost 79 years ago and came to Pittsburgh when a young man. He had been a resident of the Second ward, Allegheny, for 32 years. For about 40 years he was a traveling salesman, being connected with several large firms in this city at different times. About 10 years ago he retired and lived at home. He was a member of lodge No. 45, F. and A. M., and lodge No. 34, A. O. U. W. One son, Edgar G., and one daughter, Mrs. William Weldon of Philadelphia, survive him.

John Seiling Dead.

John Seiling, 73 years old, president of the Humboldt Fire Insurance Company and vice president of the Enterprise bank of Manchester, Allegheny, died yesterday morning at his home in Woods Run avenue, near Brighton road, Allegheny, of pneumonia. Mr. Seiling had been a resident of the North Side for the last 50 years. He was born in Germany and came to the United States in his youth. He was a member of the German Lutheran church, and is survived by his widow, who is seriously ill, and two sons.

Child a Witness Against Father.

INDIANA, PA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Lino Zuchelli, aged 9 years, was brought by the county commissioners from Smiths station, near Blairsville, today and he gave testimony against his father, Giovanni Zuchelli, who is in jail here charged with the murder of his wife, Vitoria, last Thursday night. The child showed the poker with which Zuchelli is alleged to have beaten his wife. The woman's neck and breast bone were broken.

Actor Entertains Ministers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Ernest Hastings, the former popular Pittsburgh stock company actor, helped to entertain 165 ministers this afternoon. The ministers were invited to see the play, "Our New Minister." Mr. Hastings and other members of the company held quite a levee after the performance.

News of the Nearby Towns and Country

WEALTHY RECLUSE IS FROZEN TO DEATH

Found on Public Highway—Relatives Searching for His Hidden Riches.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW KENSINGTON, PA., Dec. 16.—Old "Jakey Ritter," as he was commonly called, one of the oddest characters in this section of the state, was found this morning on the Seventh street road to Parnassus. He had lain there all night and was so badly frozen that he died before he could be given medical attention. Ritter, who was about 90 years old, was a recluse and lived in a small hovel in the outskirts of Parnassus. He was known to be wealthy despite his wretched appearance.

When found Ritter had on four coats and in his pockets was found considerable money and negotiable paper worth over $500. He is said to have left property valued at nearly $40,000. He has three brothers, farmers near Unity, who took the body and will make a search for the riches Ritter is supposed to have hidden.

Inducement to Elopers.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Any couple from Pittsburgh or vicinity who comes to this Gretna Green to be married in the next 10 days can secure a $25 parlor suit by consenting to be married in the window of a furniture store here, making this offer. The offer was made to Justice Robert Love.

The Three Rivers

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

CINCINNATI, Dec. 16.—River 9.2 feet and rising. The rise in the river is caused by gorges which have formed every few miles up and down the river from here. The harbor boats are breaking up the ice for the protection of floating craft when the breakup comes. The Licking is frozen over from bank to bank, as are all other streams entering the Ohio in this part of the country. Navigation is suspended and business is very dull. Capt. J. F. Ellison, superintendent of the Cincinnati and Pittsburgh Packet Company, entertained Rear Admiral Schley on the floor of the chamber of commerce today.

LOUISVILLE.—River rising; 3 feet 2 inches in canal, 1 foot on falls; 4 feet 8 inches below locks.

GREENSBORO.—River 6.2 feet and stationary.

OIL CITY, PA.—River 2 feet 2 inches and stationary.

STEUBENVILLE.—River 2 feet 8 inches and stationary.

GALLIPOLIS.—River 8 feet 6 inches and falling.

WARREN.—River 1 foot.

HUNTINGTON.—River 4 feet and falling. Courier caught in gorge at Hanging Rock.

PARKERSBURG.—River 3.5 feet and falling.

The stage of water at Davis island dam at 9 o'clock last night was 3 feet, and the river was stationary.

BOAT AT LOCK NO. 13.

The government snagboat Gen. Theodore Schwan went up the Monongahela river yesterday as far as lock No. 13, where men are now at work putting in gates. This is the farthest up the river any vessel has gone. The boat has the distinction of being the first to pass through the new locks and dams above Morgantown. The government engineers expect the entire lock system to be completed by January 1. There will be two locks above No. 13, and the river will be navigable from the confluence of its tributaries to its mouth. Considering the cold weather, good progress has been made on the locks recently.

The river above Davis island dam is frozen over, and there has been no navigation up from that point since December 7. Towboats are moving in the Allegheny between the Point and Herr's island, but there has been no movement there for two weeks. The Allegheny is closed up with ice above the Forty-third street bridge. Ice was an inch thick in the Pittsburgh harbor yesterday, and the steamer Tide was put to work yesterday, so navigation in the harbor at least could be kept open.

FRIEND OF BERNHARDT, BUT WAS SENT TO JAIL

Evan Petrovonosky, who claims to have been a member of the orchestra of the Royal theater of St. Petersburg and a friend of Sarah Bernhardt, was arrested last night at Esplen, on a charge of trespassing on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad. At the hearing before Justice Nicholson he amused the spectators by removing the handcuffs at will, slipping them over his exceedingly small hands. Petrovonosky is now a tramp and tells a pathetic story of having lost position after position through his love for absinthe. Justice Nicholson took but little stock in his story, and sentenced him to 20 days in jail.

Etna Plant to Resume Work.

The entire plant of the Spang & Chalfant Company at Etna, part of which has been idle for several weeks for repairs, will reopen Monday. Six hundred men are employed.

McELVEEN'S
(McElveen Furniture Co.)

A Side Table For Christmas.

High art in furniture making is displayed in every detail of this beautiful side table. It is indeed a work of art and beauty. The exquisite carving is appreciated only when you see the table.

The illustration scarcely gives you a conception of the table's real merit or the skillful toil that has been put into its workmanship. It at once delights the eye.

A Christmas gift like this would be an evidence of generosity and good taste on the part of the giver. And yet the price is not high.

Besides the top there are two ample shelves. The table is 46 inches long, 20 inches deep and 48 inches high; made of golden oak.

Practical Christmas presents are best appreciated. Fine furniture makes a practical gift.

You will find many Christmas suggestions and moderate prices at

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AGED MAN IS ACCUSED OF HIS SON'S MURDER

Father Charged With Ejecting Dying Man from House and Assaulting Him.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

EBENSBURG, PA., Dec. 16.—The trial of Peter Maizie, Sr., aged 82, of Johnstown, for the murder of his son on November 12, began here this afternoon at 3 o'clock. It required an hour to secure a jury. At a late hour tonight the commonwealth's side of the case is still being heard. From the testimony of the numerous witnesses for the commonwealth it appears that Peter Maizie, Jr., had been on a protracted spree and went to the home of his father to get in out of the cold.

He went to a sofa, where he soon had a hemorrhage. The senior Maizie then ordered his son to stop spitting blood on the carpet or get out. The junior Maizie left the house, but soon returned and asked for admission. The old man says the son did not insist, and went to the coal house where he lay down. Fearing that his son would freeze the old man helped his son into the house. When they got to the door they stopped and the old man, seeing that his son's nose was bleeding, struck him with a walking stick.

The younger Maizie fell back on the brick pavement, his head striking heavily. The blood gushed from his nose and mouth and in a few minutes he died without speaking. The dead man was aged 40 years. Peter Maizie, Sr., trembling like a leaf, watched the proceeding. The plea of defense is that Maizie is irresponsible, owing to his advanced age. Maizie's daughter, Mrs. Margaret Lawson, and the widow of the murdered man, believe the old man is innocent and they have hired counsel to defend him.

MANY AFTER JUDGESHIP.

Twenty Candidates in Field. Strong Opposition to Present Incumbent.

SHARON, PA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Judge Samuel H. Miller has another opponent in L. Kuder, burgess of Greenville, for the Republican nomination next spring for judge of the courts of Mercer county. Other candidates who have announced themselves are: A. W. Williams of Sharon, W. J. Whieldon of Mercer, and W. W. Moore of Mercer. The contest will likely settle down between Williams and Miller.

Williams will have the support of Chairman James L. Greer, Maj. Alexander McDowell, chief clerk of the house of representatives, and Henry Robinson, disbursing clerk of the house. Both Miller and Williams have a large following. There will be 20 candidates at least for the state legislature from Mercer county.

FURNACEMEN REFUSE REDUCTION AND STRIKE

SHARON, PA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Workmen employed at the Shenango Furnace Company's furnace in Sharpsville struck today because of a reduction in wages. The turnmen, who were being paid $2.20, were cut to $1.65 and laborers from $1.65 to $1.35. The furnace was blown out and Supt. Davit; states that it will not be started again. About 150 men are affected. One of the other furnaces has reduced wages.

Bridge Dispute in Court.

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Arguments were made today in court in the dispute over the joint county bridge spanning the Monongahela river. It was argued by the advocates of the Webster-Donora site that Monessen's objections were made by certain private business enterprises. Those championing the Monessen site claim it is the center of a much larger population. Prominent citizens of Monessen, Donora and Webster attended the proceedings.

Five Hundred on Strike.

PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—A strike was declared at Rossiter by 500 miners in the employ of the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation. The trouble was caused by the discharge of James Callahan, a motorman, who was ordered to go to work at 6 o'clock this morning, but failed to report for duty. The regular hour for going to work at Rossiter is 7 o'clock.

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NEW BOROUGH'S FIRST PRIMARIES ANNULLED

Westmoreland County Commissioners Rule Election Laws Were Not Observed.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE GAZETTE.]

SCOTTDALE, PA., Dec. 16.—The county commissioners have decided that both the Republican and Democratic primary elections in the newly organized borough of Everson, are null and void, and the whole campaign will have to be re-enacted, because the names of the candidates were not certified to the county commissioners here the requisite 20 days before the date set for the borough election. The election was scheduled for Tuesday, December 29, and both Republicans and Democrats held their primary elections yesterday.

By fighting the matter out along strict party lines almost every citizen of the little borough managed to get on one or the other of the tickets.

The Everson politicians blame the commissioners for sending faulty instructions to them and are trying to evolve some method by which the election can be pulled off on the date scheduled. If this cannot be done they want to have the election date set forward and the primary results allowed to stand.

COURT HOUSE CASE ARGUED

McConnell Sits in Judgement on Contract—He Approved.

GREENSBURG, PA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Arguments were made this afternoon before Judge Alexander D. McConnell in the court house muddle occasioned by the refusal of Controller John H. Brown to make payment to William Miller & Sons of Pittsburgh for work done during the month of October.

It was claimed by counsel for the Pittsburgh contractors that the contract made the county liable for work for the reason that it has received the approval of one judge of the common pleas court. The defense claimed that both judges of the common pleas court must sanction the award of the contract. Judge McConnell was the approving judge.

Found Water Instead of Gas.

KITTANNING, PA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—While John Campbell, the veteran contractor, was drilling a gas well for the Peoples company, on the Yockey farm, on the north fork of Pine creek, five miles from here, the drill struck a vein of fine water. It is estimated that the flow was equal to 5,000 barrels per day, enough to supply a town twice the size of Kittanning.

STATE AND NEIGHBORHOOD.

NEW CASTLE, PA.—At the annual election of officers of the Physicians club of this city Dr. Ingley G. Hood was elected president, Dr. James Black secretary and Dr. Jesse Cooper treasurer.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—William H. Oakley, formerly of Pittsburgh, who has been an assistant superintendent of the Valley plant, Republic Iron & Steel Company, has resigned his position.

SHARON, PA.—Theodore S. Clark, vice president of the Sharon Steel Hoop Company, has resigned. He will retain his interest in the company. Mr. Clark formerly resided in Pittsburgh.

FINDLAY, O.—John D. Snyder was appointed receiver of the Ohio Rolling Mill Company. The receivership was asked by the Farmers National bank in their suit to foreclose mortgages to the amount of $25,000 against the company.

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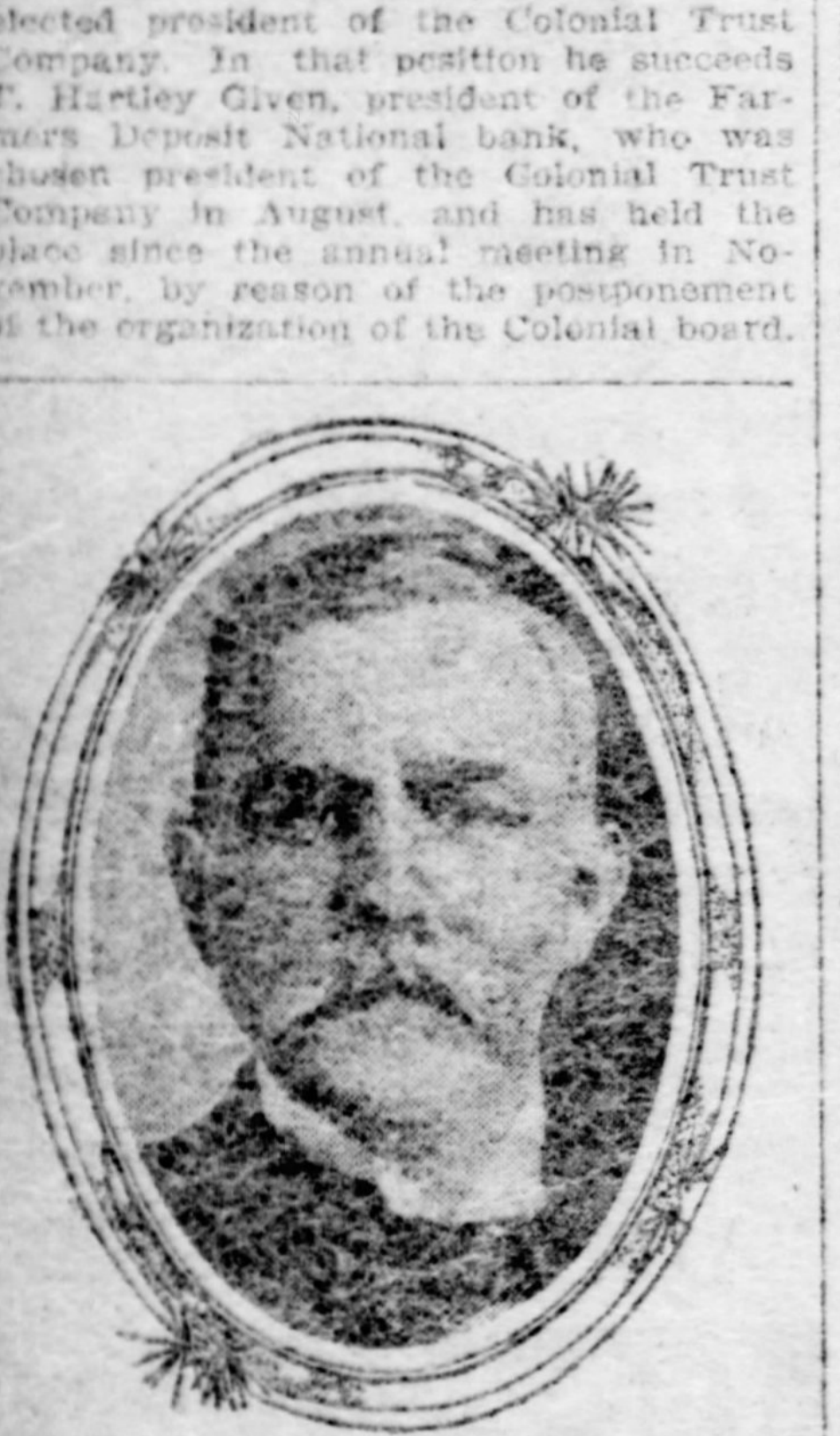
E. H. JENNINGS MADE PRESIDENT

Colonial Trust Company Board Is Organized, and National Banks Move Back.

OPEN IN OLD STAND TODAY

Edward H. Jennings, president of the Columbia National bank, was yesterday elected president of the Colonial Trust Company. In that position he succeeds T. Hartley Given, president of the Farmers Deposit National bank, who was chosen president of the Colonial Trust Company in August, and has held the place since the annual meeting in November, by reason of the postponement of the organization of the Colonial board.



E. H. JENNINGS.
New President of the Colonial Trust Company.

The plan was carried out as exclusively announced in yesterday's Gazette.

The Columbia National bank, the Tradesmens National bank and the Colonial National bank will be open for business this morning in the old home of the Tradesmens, at the corner of Fourth avenue and Wood street. The three banks were moved away from the Farmers Deposit National bank yesterday afternoon, all arrangements having been made for their reception at the old stand, and in the Tradesmens bank rooms will be conducted the business of the three institutions hereafter.

The Colonial Trust Company gave out yesterday its first statement since the beginning of the disagreement which ended in the failure of the plan to amalgamate the Colonial and Farmers interests. After stating that the banks would be removed, the statement continues:

The directors of the Colonial Trust Company and its affiliated banks, ask for the patronage of the public and request the former customers of the banks named to resume their business relations—promising them the same care and attention as formerly. E. H. Jennings has been selected as president of the Colonial Trust Company and will take active charge of its affairs, and will supervise the affairs of the group of institutions controlled by the Colonial Trust Company, viz., the Columbia National bank, the Colonial National bank, the Tradesmens National bank and the Germania Savings bank.

It is believed that the course of action outlined above, as respects the removal of the banks, will commend itself to our stockholders and we are convinced will be in their interest. We also think that drawing the various institutions into close relations, as contemplated, will enable us to furnish exceptional advantages to those who may do business with us.

The Germania Savings bank remains in the home it has occupied for a number of years, at Wood and Diamond streets.

There are to be several changes on the Colonial board. About 10 of the 27 members represent the Farmers Deposit interests. Some of these at least are expected to resign since the Farmers bank has not been included in the combination.

Yesterday's election of Colonial Trust Company officers developed no changes beyond the choice of Mr. Jennings as president. John A. Bell and James C. Chaplin were re-elected vice presidents; John A. Irwin, secretary; Homer C. Stewart, treasurer; A. D. Robb, assistant secretary and F. F. Brooks, trust officer. The presidency was offered to Joshua Rhodes, the former president, but was declined, owing to the pressure of other business.

IN THE THEATERS.

Christmas Week Promises Jolly and Entertaining List of Attractions in Various Theaters.

Ethel Barrymore, in the title role of "Cousin Kate," the new comedy in which Charles Frohman is presenting this talented young star, is the attraction at the new Nixon theater for next week. The critics have declared that Miss Barrymore has never been so well suited with any role as in that of Kate Curtis, and the public has given enthusiastic support to this decision. Miss Barrymore has scored in the play the greatest triumph of her stage career, and the assertion is well borne out by the fact that she played to crowded houses at every performance of her brilliant engagement in New York city. During Miss Barrymore's engagement in this city the curtain will rise at 8:30.

"Running for Office," by George M. Cohan, is the vehicle which the Four Cohans will use during their engagement at the Alvin theater Christmas week. The play has met with success that entitles it to distinction as one of the best musical comedies now on the road. Seventy-two people are used and the people and the musical features are unusually interesting. This production is under the management of Mr. Fred Niblo.

It is pretty safe to say that Pittsburgh has never seen a spectacle to equal in scenic beauty and dazzling costumes the big Christmas pantomime of "Babes in the Woods," which will receive its first performance on next Monday. For several months past every department of the Grand has been working on the many details attendant upon the spectacle, until now everything is in readiness for a perfectly smooth performance. In addition to all of the principles of the stock company the cast will number the famous Kiralfy ballet, operatic artists and a chorus of well trained voices. In all, there will be nearly 300 people on the stage. There are still good seats to be had for any performance next week, notwithstanding the impression which seems to prevail that all of the good seats are sold.

"The Factory Girl" is a new comedy drama success which will be the attraction at the Bijou next week, starting Monday afternoon. The many possibilities of the theme have not been lost sight of, and in every detail, from the splendid acting company to the scenic production, it is said to be a marvel of stagecraft.

It is said that "The Princess Chic," which comes to the Empire theater for the Christmas week attraction, beginning next Monday night, is a comic opera of rare beauty and interest of story. Certain it is that Kirke La Salle, the librettist as well as the proprietor of the attraction, has given it a most elaborate and artistic mounting as well as a cast of artists such as are seldom seen in one company.

Miss Johnstone Bennett and her company will head the bill at the Duquesne for the Christmas week show. Others on the bill are Williams and Tucker, Miss Flo Irwin, Billy Carter, the famous Marco twins and Zeno, Carl and Zeno.

Manager Davis has provided high-class amusement for the benefit of Avenue patrons next week. Taffary's wonderful dogs, direct from Europe, will be a feature of particular interest to the little ones. Other thoroughly enjoyable acts will be presented by Ryan and Richfield, Ethel Levy and the great Alexius.

The High Rollers Burlesque Company will be the big Christmas week attraction at the Academy, presenting two burlesques, "A Trip to Paris" and "Finnegan's Jamboree."

Holmes' Last Lecture.

The last Burton Holmes lecture will be given tonight, the subject being "Alaska II., Down the Yukon Through the Klondike to Cape Nome." No subject could be more popular at the present time than this, for the Klondike has been the center of attention of the entire world for a number of years, while the recent discussion of the Alaska boundary has revived any possible lack of interest.

SOCIETY

ALTHOUGH informal and small, one of the prettiest of yesterday's entertainments was the bridge whist given by Mrs. James Speer Kuhn at her home in Forbes street, Shadyside. Mrs. Kuhn had five tables at which the game was played. The handsome prizes, one for each table, were won by Mrs. George Lauder, Mrs. William Speer Kuhn, Mrs. George M. Laughlin, Jr., Mrs. J. L. Dawson Speer and Miss Sallie Speer Dunbar. Mrs. Kuhn's beautiful home on the hill overlooking Forbes street, at Morewood place, was simply but tastefully decorated.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn entertained at cards last Friday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. William Kuhn-Dunbar, a bride and bridegroom of the early autumn. Mrs. Dunbar and Miss Elizabeth Atwood Biggs, in whose honor her mother, Mrs. George W. Biggs of Craig street, received yesterday afternoon.

Two Brides Were Honor Guests.

Memories of one of the prettiest of the early autumn weddings were recalled yesterday at the reception given by Mrs. George W. Biggs and her daughter, Miss Margaret Elmore Biggs, when the young girls who acted as bridesmaids at the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Atwood Biggs and William Kuhn Dunbar in October appeared once more in their bridesmaids' gowns. Miss Biggs, who was maid of honor, wore her gown of green crepe. Mrs. George W. Biggs, Jr., herself one of the honor guests yesterday, was matron of honor at the wedding, and wore her wedding gown of white crepe, while the bride, Mrs. Dunbar, who also shared the honors, wore her wedding gown of white crepe and lace. Mrs. Biggs, the hostess, was gowned in embroidered chiffon.

The hours were from 4 until 6 o'clock, and among those who had been asked to assist were Mrs. George Pearson, Mrs. Albert McCallam, Mrs. James Donnell, Mrs. George Howe, Mrs. Charles B. McVay, Mrs. Marshall Christy, Mrs. Charles Woolridge, Mrs. William P. Woolridge, Mrs. Howard Wilson, Mrs. Henry Davis Bushnell, Miss Nellie McCallam, Miss Mary McCallam and the bridesmaids, Miss Rebecca Jones, Miss Winifred Jones, Miss Sallie Speer Dunbar and Miss Fanny Dunbar.

The decorations, typical of the season, were not elaborate, but were arranged in a most artistic manner.

Post—McMurtry.

The wedding of George G. McMurtry, Jr., son of George G. McMurtry of Manhattan, formerly of Pittsburgh, and Miss Mabel C. Post, youngest daughter of Alfred Seton Post of No. 39 Brown avenue, Flushing, Long island, took place yesterday at 4 o'clock at the house of the bride's parents. Ethel M. Post, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The best man was Edward Painter McMurtry, a brother of the bridegroom. The ushers included George E. Painter, Alfred Seton Post, Jr., Lothrop Randolph, Rene La Monson, Jr., Hamilton Fish, Benjamin Thompson and George W. Thompson. After the ceremony there was a reception to the relatives and friends of the couple. Mr. and Mrs. McMurtry will go south for two weeks and will afterward reside at No. 812 Fifth avenue, Manhattan. A special train on the Long Island railroad was run for the 150 guests from Manhattan. Among the Pittsburgh guests at the wedding were Mrs. Wynn R. Sewell, Mrs. Byron Painter, Mrs. Joseph Lothrop, Miss Lothrop and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Parguy.

Mrs. Fitch in the South.

Mr. William Sherman Fitch of Clyde street, Shadyside, went south about a month ago to visit her mother, Mrs. Hancock, at her home near Vicksburg, Miss. Mr. Fitch will join his wife in about a week, and, after spending Christmas on the old family estate in Mississippi, they will return to Pittsburgh either shortly before or shortly after the New Year. It has been understood that Mrs. Fitch is to be matron of honor at the wedding of Miss Helen Johnston Harris and the Rev. William Thompson, chaplain in the United States navy, which was spoken of as a late December event. The date for the wedding, however, has not been announced in Pittsburgh. Miss Harris was maid of honor at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Fitch a couple of years ago. Mrs. Fitch was Miss Elmyra Russell Hancock, a granddaughter of Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock.

Celebrated First Wedding Anniversary.

One year ago last night the Sixth United Presbyterian church was the scene of a pretty Christmas wedding, when Miss Nancy McClung became the wife of Dr. H. Ballou Bryson. Last evening Dr. Bryson and his wife celebrated their wedding anniversary at their home, in Center avenue. They entertained the members of their bridal party, with a few others, at cards. The card tables were placed in the reception hall and library, holly decorating these rooms, as well as the parlor and dining room. Among the guests were Miss Susan Paul, Miss Mary Lee, Miss Carolyn Woolslayer, Miss Isabel McClung, Miss Elizabeth Packard, Mr. and Mrs. James B. McKillips, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClung, Dr. J. C. Calhoun, Dr. G. O. Challinor, Charles D. Gillespie, Lester Chambers, Murray McClung and Tabor Johnston.

Ross—Wayman.

A pretty but quiet wedding occurred yesterday at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. George Ross, in Kittanning, Pa., when Miss May Van Antwerp Ross, a great grand-niece of the late Judge George Ross, and a grandniece of Mrs. William Thaw of Pittsburgh, and Marcus Dean Wayman of Tarentum were united in marriage, the Rev. H. L. Mayers, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. The attendants were Miss Elizabeth M. Ross, sister of the bride, and Thomas Wayman, brother of the groom. Mr. Wayman is a son of M. D. Wayman, who was associated for many years with the late Capt. J. B. Ford in the plate glass manufacture.

Mrs. Shaw's Reception.

The home of Mrs. George E. Shaw in Morewood place was yesterday tastefully decorated in the holiday colors, red and green. Mrs. Shaw gave a reception from 3 until 5 o'clock in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Thomas K. Ewing, who was formerly Miss Mary James of Saratoga, N. Y. The hostess and her honor guest received together, assisted by a number of Mrs. Shaw's friends.

The receiving party stood in the drawing room, where a tall jar of American Beauty roses formed the only decoration. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Ewing are now in their new home in Maryland avenue, East End.

Reception for a Recent Bride.

Allegheny society rallied yesterday at the home of Mrs. L. H. Willard in Western avenue, when Mrs. Willard gave an afternoon reception for her daughter, Mrs. William Dickson George, who, with her husband, recently returned from a European wedding trip. Red and green were the predominating colors in the decorations, and pink roses were used in the dining room. Mrs. Willard was assisted by a number of her own friends and those of her daughter, including Mrs. John Caldwell, Mrs. William Walker, Mrs. Charles McKnight, Mrs. William Bacon Schiller, Mrs. Lewis Irwin, Mrs. Herbert DuPuy, Mrs. Cyrus B. King and Miss Cooper.

A Golden Wedding Anniversary.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hyde of Mahoningtown is to be celebrated Tuesday evening, December 29, at their home. The guest of honor will be Mrs. Hyde's mother, Mrs. Delilah Marshall of Perry township, who is 86 years of age. She was the mother of 20 children, of whom 11 are living. Mrs. and Mrs. Hyde have seven children, who are Register and Recorder A. C. Hyde of New Castle, William W. Hyde of West Middlesex, Mrs. James Carson, Mrs. H. F. Shira, James, Frank and John Hyde, all of Pittsburgh.

Entertainment Will Be Unique.

Mrs. John L. Dawes of North Highland avenue will entertain at cards on the afternoon of Saturday, January 9. The affair is to be quite large, with a number of unique and original features. Mrs. Dawes gave a theater party of eight at the Nixon on Tuesday evening. The honor guests were Miss Mary Bishop North of Philadelphia and Miss Edna Hare of Salem, O., the house guests of Miss Edna Lappe and Miss Myrtle Lappe of North Highland avenue.

Former Pittsburgh Woman Will Wed.

Miss Alice Quinon, formerly of Pittsburgh, will be married on Thursday, December 31, to James Breckenridge Eddleman. The wedding will take place in Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Eddleman will make their home in New York city.

McChesney—Owens.

Miss Gertrude McChesney, daughter of Mrs. Alice McChesney, and James Beatty Owens were quietly married last night by the Rev. J. A. Douthett, D. D. Mr. Owens is a prominent member of the Westmoreland county bar.

ROBBED UNIVERSITY TO PAY RACING DEBTS

Secretary of California's State Institution Stole a Small Fortune.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

BERKELEY, CAL., Dec. 16.—W. A. McKowen, secretary of the board of regents of the State university, confessed today to President Benjamin Ide Wheeler that he was a defaulter to the amount of $20,000, and possibly more. Most of the money was lost on the race track. McKowen has been suspended.

McKowen's arrest followed the discovery that he had attempted to pay a racing debt with a check made out to him personally by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst. This check was for $1,160 and was given to bookmaker John Davis in payment of markers on the races for $1,120. Davis gave McKowen $40 in change and deposited the check in the Western National bank, from which it turned up to expose the affair.

It appears McKowen at different times since 1898, has used sums of money that came into his hands, instead of depositing them with the treasurer. He covered this up by taking corresponding amounts from university funds, by charging them as expenditures. President Wheeler spoke highly of McKowen, who has been with the university about 20 years, is unmarried and about 40 years of age. His salary was $2,400 a year.

SEA IS DISAPPEARING.

Waters Recede and Expose Bed of Azof, Causing Panic Among Vessels.

ST PETERSBURG, Dec. 16.—The sea of Azof is disappearing and remarkable scenes are in course of enaction. At Taganrog the waters have receded to such an extent during the last five days that the bed of the sea is visible for a distance of thousands of feet.

High winds hurled clouds of sand shoreward covering the town. Vessels are lying high and dry and the greatest confusion prevails in the harbor. Work in the factories has had to be reduced to a minimum, owing to lack of water.

NEARLY TWO THOUSAND MINERS GO ON STRIKE

CUMBERLAND, MD., Dec. 16.—About 1,800 minerss employed in the Myersdale, Somerset county, Pa., coal region quit work today, owing to the proposed reduction of 10 cents per ton for mining soft coal. No disorder has been reported. The miners simply remained away from the mines. There are about 2,500 miners employed in the region and several of the smaller mines were operated today.

Tried to Poison a Priest.

ROME, Dec. 16.—Garnine Urchnine, 22 years old, has been condemned by the court of assizes at Avelino to 17 months imprisonment for trying to poison a priest named Preziosi, by putting corrosive sublimate in the wine which the priest used in celebrating mass.

BITTER DENUNCIATION OF AMERICAN TASTES

Berlin Society Indignant Because of Wagnerian Production in New York.

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BERLIN, Dec. 16.—The Berlin Wagner society has published an indignant protest against the production of "Parsifal" in New York, declaring that "Richard Wagner's holy legacy to art, whose production is designed to reserve for the consecrated temple of art, which he created, is thrown away upon auditors in the land of dollars, who possess no conception of the true essence of Wagner and, probably, never will possess any."

The society does not criticize the American court for its decision in the matter but express the most profound indignation over the "profanation of this most precious jewel of Wagnerian art," and refers to the great pain felt here that German artists have been found who are so lost to shame as to aid in this act of desecration."

New Coal Company Chartered.

The Lewis-Findlay Coal Company of Wellsburg, W. Va., capital $200,000, was incorporated at Charleston, W. Va., yesterday, to mine, ship and sell coal. The incorporators are W. S. Lewis and Bernard Lewis, Pittsburgh; G. B. Findlay, John R. Taylor, W. N. Cole, Freeport; C. L. Lewis, Allegheny.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

William H. Burwell	Pittsburgh
Pearl M. Hopson	Homestead
Samuel M. Parr	Pittsburgh
Laura M. Lee	Pittsburgh
Samuel C. Brown	Pittsburgh
Martha Maine	Pittsburgh
August W. Johnson	Irwin, Pa.
Ide M. Nelson	Pittsburgh
John A. Broadnax	Edgewood
Mathilda F. Banks	Pittsburgh
John W. Cummins	Hickory, Pa.
Nelle Nichols	Hickory, Pa.
Arthur Machen	McKees Rocks
Mary L. Halbert	Sheraden
Homer Churchfield	Wall, Pa.
Alice Chigston	Wilmerding
Thomas V. McBride	Carnegie
Millie C. Binder	Allegheny
Lenwood J. Brown	Pittsburgh
Sarah J. Fields	Pittsburgh
Charles A. Barrick	Allegheny
Ethel Mallette	Pittsburgh
Charles Evans	Coraopolis
Catherine Kitchens	Coraopolis
Conrad Spath	Allegheny
Bertha Doran	Allegheny
Charles Giles	McKeesport
Eliza Adams	Port Vue
Chris White	Pittsburgh
Sophie Schneider	Pittsburgh
Newton B. Funk	Allegheny
Mary E. Kenny	Allegheny
Harry C. Morris	Pittsburgh
Elizabeth Settlenger	Pittsburgh
Joseph Martin	Allegheny
Alma Smith	Allegheny
William H. Harey	Pittsburgh
Fannie J. James	Hope Church

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Among the Clubs

Japan a Timely Topic of Study.

Japan and the Japanese absorbed the interest of the members of Sorosis yesterday afternoon. There was a large meeting of the members of the club in the parlors of the Hotel Schenley, and "The Wee Ones of Japan," by Bramhall, formed the basis of the discussions which were conducted during the afternoon. Mrs. Alfred Longmore presided and was leader for the afternoon. The home life of the Japanese was described in its different aspects. Mrs. J. H. Johnston spoke particularly of the children in the flowery kingdom, describing their bright, sturdy manners and the conditions which prevail now as contrasted with those surrounding the children of 20 and 30 years ago. "The Home Life of the Japanese Women," with their enlarged opportunities for self-culture, was the subject of a paper presented by Mrs. Alfred Clark, and was followed by five-minute talks on the "Customs of the People and the picturesque "Japanese Festivals," given by Miss McCloy and Mrs. William A. Black. Current topics in the form of an open discussion of the conditions now existing between Japan and Russia and the threatening aspect in the far east was participated in by a large number of the women present.

During the business session preceding the literary program resolutions were adopted expressing the sympathy of the members of the club to Mrs. Henry J. Bailey, one of its original members, in the recent death of her husband.

A Connoisseur of Painting.

M. Andre Michel will arrive this morning from Cleveland and will visit during the day the collection of paintings belonging to the Byers estate, to W. T. Watson and to Charles Lockhart. M. Michel is one of the principal buyers of paintings for the Louvre, and his visit to the private galleries is therefore of special interest. Last Monday he was an enthusiastic admirer of H. C. Frick's fine collection. M. Michel will be the guest of honor at a dinner given by Dr. Litchfield at his residence tonight, and after that will deliver his lecture on the "Cathedrals of Amiens and Chartres" before the Alliance Francaise at the Twentieth Century club.

Working for the Toy Mission.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Fourth Avenue Baptist church yesterday held an all-day sewing in the church parlors. The women were engaged in dressing dolls for the Toy mission. This evening the young women of the church will meet together in the church parlors to dress other dolls for distribution to the poor at Christmas time through the Toy mission. Yesterday sun-bonnets and hats were fashioned to crown the clustering curls of the blonde-haired dolls, who quietly submitted to the fitting of the dressmakers under whose skillful fingers dainty frocks were contrived.

An Interdenominational Meeting.

An interdenominational meeting of the members of the various missionary societies of Pittsburgh and Allegheny will be held on Thursday afternoon, January 7, in the First Christian church, Montgomery avenue and Arch street, Allegheny. The women's societies of 12 different denominations in the two cities will be represented at this meeting, which will be held for prayer and an interchange of ideas regarding the progress of missionary effort during the past year. All missionaries from the home and foreign fields who will be in Pittsburgh or Allegheny at that time are invited to attend this meeting.

Last Lecture in the Course.

The last meeting of the Woman's club of the Sewickley valley was held at the Edgeworth club at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Dr. George Elliott Howard of the University of Chicago was present and delivered the last in his series of lectures before the club on the topic, "Six Social Leaders of English Liberty." His subject yesterday was "Richard Cobden and Economic Emancipation." There will be no other meeting of the club until after the holidays.

BOLD THIEVES FOILED.

Safe at Indianapolis Withstood Seven Charges of Dynamite. Robbers Escape.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16.—Three robbers stood guard in the office of the Star Elevator Company today with drawn revolvers while three of their companions worked for an hour and exploded seven charges of dynamite. The heavy explosions raised the roof of the building.

Terrified people in the neighborhood stood at a distance and watched the operations of the robbers, who finally became discouraged at their repeated failure to reach the inside of a burglar-proof strong box inside the safe and left a few minutes before the police arrived. Only a small sum of money was taken.

MARIE CORELLI GETS HALF A CENT DAMAGES

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND, Dec. 16.—Marie Corelli, the novelist, was today awarded half a cent damages in a libel suit brought by her against the proprietor of the Stratford-On-Avon Herald, in connection with a recent controversy in which Miss Corelli opposed the erection of a Carnegie library on the ground that it involved a desecration of Shakespeare's birthplace. The alleged libel consisted in a statement that Miss Corelli desired to erect a library at the same place.

Killed by Dynamite.

UNIONTOWN, PA., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—An unknown negro met a horrible death at New Salem, his body being torn to shreds by an explosion of dynamite at the cut of the Connellsville Central railroad on the Thomas Finley farm. One leg was thrown 100 yards in one direction, the other fully as far in an opposite direction, and one of the arms could not be found. Fifty-nine sticks of dynamite had been placed near a fire to thaw out. A stick of dynamite caught fire and the negro tried to put it out with his foot.

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BOOKKEEPER—Married man to fill position of bookkeeper and general office man; must be well recommended. Address X, Postoffice Box 1192, city.

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INDUSTRIOUS young men who wish to increase their income; will not interfere with present occupation. Address F 50, The Gazette.

MEN—Five bright young men who are capable of interviewing people; good salary to right parties. Apply at The Pittsburgh Gazette classified adv. department.

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WANTED—15 laborers, inside work, $1.75 a day; 2 first-class machinists; drivers, 2 bus boys, $4 week and board; highest wages. 627 West Robinson st., Allegheny.

WANTED—10 laborers, $1.65 day, inside work; coal miners, 70c per ton, fare paid; 10 farm hands, $25 month. EDWARD ZANG, 606 River ave.

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HOUSEWORK—Wanted, good girl for general housework; no washing or baking. Apply 728 Pacific ave.

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WEST OHIO ST., 121—Furnished rooms, suitable for gentlemen; conveniences; near postoffice.

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WESTERN AVE., 920—Nicely furnished room, complete for housekeeping; all conveniences; Western ave. car.

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DINWIDDIE ST., 221—Furnished rooms, board, all modern conveniences; no light housekeeping.

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East End.

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East End.

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ELECTION NOTICE.

The Diamond National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for fourteen directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Fifth avenue and Union street, Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m.
H. C. WETTENGEL, Cashier.

Duquesne National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual meeting of stockholders of the Duquesne National bank, to elect directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, No. 409 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 12 m.
A. H. PATTERSON, Cashier.

Union National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election of directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Fourth avenue and Market street, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of one (1) and three (3) o'clock p. m.
C. F. DEAN, Cashier.

LEGAL NOTICES.

ALEX. MABON, Attorney-at-Law, Park building, Pittsburgh. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Mary Belle Freedsam, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Albert Freedsam, administrator, 925 Park building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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ELECTION NOTICE.

W. W. Patterson Co.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 17, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the W. W. Patterson Company for the election of three directors to serve for the ensuing year and the transacting of such other business as may come before the meeting will be held at the office of the company at 54 Water street, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Saturday, January 2, 1904, between the hours of 1 and 3 p. m.
W. W. PATTERSON, JR.,
Secretary.

Farmers Deposit National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual meeting of the shareholders of this bank, to elect directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 o'clock noon.
J. W. FLEMING, Cashier.

Exchange National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of the Exchange National Bank of Pittsburgh will be held at the banking house, No. 240 Fifth ave., on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.
A. LONG, Cashier.

Metropolitan National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1903.
The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
GEO. SEEBICK, Cashier.

First National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Fifth ave. and Wood st., Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.
F. H. SKELDING, Cashier.

Second National Bank of Pittsburgh,
United States Depository,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12:30 and 1:30 p. m., for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year.
THOS. W. WELSH, JR., Cashier.

Cosmopolitan National Bank,
Wood and Liberty Streets,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Wood and Liberty sts., Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m.
D. J. RICHARDSON, Cashier.

Fort Pitt National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 m.
CHAS. S. LINDSAY, Cashier.

First National Bank of Verona,
Verona, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for nine directors to serve this bank for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 3 and 4 p. m.
W. E. BARGAR, Cashier.

Merchants & Manufacturers National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
J. M. RUSSELL, Cashier.

The German National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for nine directors to serve this bank for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 o'clock p. m.
W. W. RAMSEY, Cashier.

German National Bank,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 709 Ohio street, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 o'clock p. m.
ALBERT HELM, Cashier.

Allegheny National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 239 Fifth ave., on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock a. m.
W. MONTGOMERY, Cashier.

Workingmens Savings Bank & Trust Co.,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 12, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Ohio street and Madison avenue, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m.
W. L. GECKERT, Secretary.

Iron City National Bank of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—An election for thirteen directors to serve during the ensuing year will be held at the bank, Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 and 1 p. m.
GEO. F. WRIGHT, Cashier.

Metropolitan National Bank,
Forty-third and Butler sts.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for nine directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
GEORGE SEEBICK, Cashier.

The Lincoln National Bank,
No. 573 Smithfield st.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for thirteen directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 573 Smithfield street, Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m.
W. R. CHRISTIAN, Cashier.

Third National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking house, No. 324 Wood street, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
OGDEN RUSSELL, Cashier.

Pennsylvania National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 16, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Penn ave. and Butler st., on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 noon.
R. M. DAVIS, Cashier.

The People's National Bank of Pittsburgh,
United States Depository,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 10, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of directors will be held at the bank, 407 Wood street, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 12:30 p. m.
W. DWIGHT BELL,
Assistant Cashier and Secretary.

First National Bank of Birmingham,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for seven directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, No. 1301 Carson street, Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock p. m.
DANIEL BEECH, Cashier.

Office of the Federal National Bank.
NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Federal National Bank of Pittsburgh will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m., at the bank building, corner Fifth avenue and Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, voting on the reduction of the capital stock from $2,000,000 to $1,000,000 and for such other business as may come before the meeting.
H. M. LANDIS, Cashier.

The National Bank of Western Pennsylvania,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election of directors of this bank, to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, corner Penn ave. and Ninth st., on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.
GEORGE S. MACHUM, Cashier.

Commercial National Bank,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, Nos. 319 and 321 Fourth avenue, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 12 m. and 1 p. m.
H. W. BICKEL, Cashier.

The First National Bank of Allegheny,
Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the banking house, 421 Federal street, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 12 noon.
T. A. M'NARRY, Acting Cashier.

Monongahela National Bank,
Sixth avenue and Wood street,
Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 11, 1903.
ELECTION—The annual election for directors of this bank will be held at the banking house, corner of Wood street and Sixth avenue, on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, between the hours of 11 o'clock a. m. and 1 p. m.
JOHN D. FRASER, Cashier.

LEGAL NOTICES.

W. D. BRENNEN, Attorney-at-Law, 532 Wylie avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

In the court of common pleas No. 2, of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, No. 467, January term, 1904. In re petition of the Right Reverend Richard Phelan, trustee for St. Adalbert's Roman Catholic Polish congregation for the satisfaction of the mortgage of Adam Tesh to Thomas Smyth, recorded in mortgage book Vol. 27, page 435, in the recorder's office in and for Allegheny county, which mortgage is dated April 24, 1855.

Notice is hereby given that the Right Reverend Bishop Phelan has presented his petition to the said court at the above number and term, setting forth that he is bishop of the diocese of Pittsburgh and that he holds in trust for St. Adalbert's Roman Catholic Polish congregation title to certain real estate, situate in the Twenty-eighth ward of the city of Pittsburgh, county of Allegheny and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the borough of Birmingham, county and state aforesaid, and marked in John Brown's plan of lots in the extended limits of said borough as Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, containing jointly in breadth on Center street one hundred eighty feet four inches, and on Franklin street two hundred and nine feet three and one-fourth inches, and in depth about one hundred twenty-seven feet, more or less.

That there is on record in said recorder's office of Allegheny county, a certain indenture of mortgage, given by Adam Tesh to Thomas Smyth, dated April 24, 1855, recorded May 4, 1855, in mortgage book Vol. 27, page 435, to secure the payment of the sum of two thousand three hundred ($2,300.00) dollars, payable as follows: On or before the 24th day of April, A. D. 1857, with legal interest thereon. Which mortgage was assigned by Thomas Smyth to Benjamin A. Mevey on May 2, 1855, which assignment reads as follows:

"Pittsburgh, May 2, 1855. For value received I hereby assign and transfer this mortgage and property therein described to Benjamin A. Mevey.

"Witness my hand and seal the day and year above written."

(Signed) Thomas Smyth. Attested by N. Buckmaster.

Said assignment is of record in the recorder's office aforesaid, in mortgage book Vol. 27, page 435.

Your petitioner further represents that on, to-wit: December 7, 1866, lots Nos. 10, 11 and 12, in plan of John Brown, borough of Birmingham, was released from the lien of said mortgage, which release reads as follows:

"I, James Mevey, executor of the last will and testament of Benjamin A. Mevey, deceased, do hereby release from the encumbrance of this mortgage lots Nos. 10, 11 and 12, in plan of John Brown, borough of Birmingham, being lots sold to Bernard Krugh, John Zeh and Ernest C. Krehan.

"Witness my hand and seal this 7th day of December, A. D. 1866."

(Signed) James Mevey, Executor.
Attested by D. Risher McClure.

Your petitioner further represents that on March 26, 1861, a sci. fa. sur. mortgage at No. 234, April term, 1861, issued and on to-wit: March 30, 1868, judgment was entered for $2,979.61.

On to-wit: June 30, 1868, receipt for sixty-three and 68-100 ($63.68) dollars, being interest to date and judgment, assigned to M. W. Jacobes by A. H. Mellon, attorney for executor of B. A. Mevey, of record and writ stayed.

That said mortgage remains open and unsatisfied of record and the holder or holders of said mortgage are unknown to your petitioner, and that there exists a legal presumption of the payment of said mortgage from lapse of time, and the same should be marked satisfied of record.

Your petitioner therefore prays your honorable court that a decree may be entered to satisfy said mortgage, and that the sheriff of Allegheny county shall be directed to serve notice, stating the facts set forth in this petition, on the holder or holders of said mortgage, if to be found in said county, or if not to be found the sheriff shall give public notice, as required by law, in one or more newspapers, published within said county, once a week for four weeks, successively, prior to the next term of this court, after the filing of this petition, requiring said parties to appear at said term and answer this petition.

Wherefore the said court made the following order: And now, to-wit: The 21st day of November, 1903, the within petition having been presented in open court, upon due consideration thereof, the same is ordered to be filed and the sheriff of Allegheny county is hereby ordered and directed to serve a notice stating the facts set forth in this petition, upon M. W. Jacobes, James Mevey, executor of Benjamin A. Mevey, if to be found in said county, and in case the said parties cannot be found in said county, then the sheriff is directed to give public notice as aforementioned.

Now notice is hereby given to M. W. Jacobes, assignee, and James Mevey, executor of Benjamin A. Mevey, deceased, their heirs and assigns, and the heirs of James Mevey, or any other person or persons interested in said mortgage, to appear in the said court on the first Monday of January, 1904, and answer the said petition and to show cause why the prayer thereof should not be granted, and why the land described in the petition above mentioned should not be released from the encumbrance of said mortgage and the payment thereof, and why all actions thereon should not forever be barred and the mortgage satisfied of record.
WILLIAM M'KINLEY,
Sheriff of Allegheny County.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Monday, January 4, 1904, by Robert A. Gillespie, Charles H. Lloyd, James F. Richards, W. H. Jacob and W. E. Marquis, under the act of assembly, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "Gillespie Manufacturing Company," the character and object of which is the manufacture of iron or steel, or both, or of any other metal, or of any article of commerce from wood, or metal, or both, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, liberties and privileges of the said act of assembly and its supplements. R. B. Petty, Solicitor, 907 Bakewell Building, Pittsburgh, Pa. December 9, 1903.

E. C. STEIN, Attorney-at-Law, Fifth ave. and Ross st., Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania on the 5th day of January, 1904, by Henry Weinstock, Louis A. Stein and Samuel Markle, under the act of assembly, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation, to be called The Weinstock Furniture Company, the character and object of which is buying and selling furniture, carpets and general household goods at Braddock, Pa., and for these purposes to have and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and the supplements thereto. A. C. Stein, Solicitor for Applicants.

GEO. C. BRADSHAW, Attorney-at-Law, Bakewell bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania on January 4, 1904, by T. F. Neal, G. W. Wilson and J. M. Wilson, under the act of assembly, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation, to be called "Iron City Coal & Coke Company," the character and object of which is the mining, shipping, buying and selling of coal and coke, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and the supplements thereto.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of Pennsylvania on the 4th day of January, 1904, by the Duquesne Brewing Company, under the corporation amendment act of 1889, for the amendment and alteration of the charter of said Duquesne Brewing Company, the character and object of which amendment and alteration is the adding thereto of the following article: "8. The directors of said corporation are hereby given the power from time to time to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any of the real estate of the corporation." John Benz, President.

H. L. CHRISTY, Attorney-at-Law, Yoder building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Joseph Bellinger, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Harry L. Christy, administrator, Yoder Law building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

BROWN & STEWART, Attorneys-at-Law, No. 508 Diamond st., Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Alexander Davis, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Wm. G. Stewart, administrator, No. 508 Diamond street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

J. ROSS STERRETT, Attorney-at-Law, No. 1029 Frick building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that ancillary letters of administration on the estate of Isabella M. Capper, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. The Colonial Trust Co., ancillary administrator, No. 317 Fourth ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

MILLER & REAMER, Attorneys-at-Law, No. 502 Frick building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Mathews Liederman, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Maria Josepha Liederman, administratrix, No. 344 Thirty-ninth street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

R. A. AND JAMES BALPH, Attorneys-at-Law, No. 712 Park building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of W. J. Rothweiler, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Emma M. Rothweiler, executrix, No. [illegible] Bennett street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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PRIVATE party will loan large fund, 4½ to 6%; mortgages or collateral. P. O. box 462.

INDIVIDUAL will loan money at 6 per cent, 2d mortgages, notes or heirs to estate. Box 668.

RETIRED party loans large fund, 6 per cent, mortgage or collateral. P. O. Box 1513.

LEGAL NOTICES.

G. K. WRIGHT, Attorney-at-Law, Bakewell building, Pittsburgh, Pa. In the court of common pleas No. 2 of the county of Allegheny, Pennsylvania. No. ——, January term, 1904. In re incorporation of the Church Army in the United States. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the above court on Saturday, the 9th day of January, 1904, at 9:30 o'clock, under the act of assembly of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called the Church Army in the United States, the character and object whereof is [illegible] sending church workers into the streets and lanes of the cities and into the roads and highways of the country to give religious instruction and assistance to the poor and the wretched; to provide headquarters, posts and missions for the carrying on of said work; to receive gifts, bequests and devises; and to expend all moneys received in the carrying on of the said work and for this purpose to have, possess and enjoy all the rights and privileges of the said act of assembly and its supplements. The proposed charter is now on file in the prothonotary's office. G. K. Wright, solicitor.

MARCUS W. STONER, Attorney-at-Law, Bakewell building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Court of common pleas No. 2, Allegheny county and state of Pennsylvania. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to said court at No. 765 January term, 1904, on Saturday, January 16, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m., by Israel Siegel, Nathan Kleinman, Abraham Goldman, Isidor Berkowitz and Solomon Schwartz, under the act of assembly entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the character of an intended corporation to be called "Congregation Chesed Israel," the character and object of which is the support of public worship according to the faith, doctrine, discipline and usages of the Jewish church, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the benefits and privileges of said act of assembly and supplements thereto. The above application is now on file in the prothonotary's office. Marcus W. Stoner, solicitor.

GEORGE N. MONRO, JR., Attorney-at-Law, No. 422 Fifth ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of John Moller, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Annie Moller, executrix, No. [illegible] Jade street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

S. R. HUPS, Attorney-at-Law. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Andrew Reimer, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. S. R. Hups and Casper N. Reimer, executors, Yoder Law building.

J. H. HARRISON, Attorney-at-Law, No. 1103 Frick building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Mary Gowe, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. George E. Gowe, administrator, No. 209 Elysian avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

W. S. THOMAS, Attorney-at-Law, Frick building. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of John Powell, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Gwennie Powell, executrix, 65 Lawn st., Pittsburgh.

HUGH M. STILLEY, Attorney-at-Law, No. 436 Diamond st., Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Wesley J. Craig, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Charles W. Martin, administrator, Castle Shannon, Allegheny county, Pa.

GEORGE F. WALLACE, Attorney-at-Law, No. 329 Frick building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of John H. Armstrong, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Mrs. Mary A. Little, administratrix, No. 1822 Wylie avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

W. W. STONER, Attorney-at-Law, No. 430 Grant st., Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Harry C. Beale, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Walter R. Beale, administrator, Ben Avon, Allegheny county, Pa.

SHIRAS & DICKEY, Attorneys-at-Law, No. 424 Diamond st., Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Nathaniel P. Sawyer, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. John Sawyer, administrator, Forty-third and Butler sts., Pittsburgh, Pa.

KERR & LEPPERT, Attorneys-at-Law, 408 Grant street, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Mary Catherine Lagerman, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. A. G. Lagerman, administrator, Idlewood, Allegheny county, Pa.

J. P. M'KENNA, Attorney-at-Law, No. 436 Fifth ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of H. C. McDonough, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. J. P. McKenna, administrator, No. 436 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

H. G. EVANS, Attorney-at-Law, No. 807 Frick building, Pittsburgh, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Henry John Dailey, deceased, late of Allegheny county, have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay. Catharine Graydon Dailey, executrix, No. 514 Asbury avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

NOTICE—To whom it may concern: Whereas my wife, Mary E. Moon, has left my bed and board, I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her after this date. December 17, 1903. CHAS. [illegible]

EASTERN STOCK MARKET DULL AND PROFESSIONAL

Trading Fell Off and Prices Tended Downward. Call Money Easier and Sterling Firmer. Local Stocks Averaged Lower.

By JOHN O. BAGLIN, Financial Editor.

The eastern stock market yesterday was dull and professional, the total sales falling below 325,000 shares, the smallest total for any full day in weeks. At the opening the tone of the market was rather heavy, owing to lower London quotations, and the absence of buying by foreigners. A few stocks like Amalgamated Copper, Union Pacific, St. Paul and Southern Pacific, in which it is supposed that bull pools are working, became firm and advanced fractionally, but outside interest in the market was not aroused. Amalgamated Copper advanced to 48¼, the basis for the strength being a further decrease in the visible supply of copper abroad. Consolidated Gas and Brooklyn Rapid Transit were moderately active and advanced on the operations of pools who have been bulling those stocks. United States Steel preferred sold off to 52¾ in the early dealings, subsequently recovered to 53½ and closed at 52⅞. The bonds declined to 69⅛, recovered to 69⅝ and closed at 69⅜. Tennessee Coal and Iron was more active than for some days past and advanced a point to 33⅞. Colorado Fuel and Iron broke to 26 on the publication of a rumor of a large discrepancy in its accounts, which story was absolutely denied by officials of the company. The stock subsequently recovered to 27.

The widest fluctuation in any stock was 2 per cent in Sugar, and this narrowed down to ⅜ per cent in Baltimore & Ohio and ¼ per cent in Reading. With the increasing dullness the tendency of prices was downward, and the close was very quiet at or near the lowest. One of the causes of the dullness was the reported withdrawal of the Waldorf clique from active participation in the market, and this, with the apathy at London, left the burden of maintaining the semblance of activity to the room traders.

There was very little news current during the day. A rehash of reports regarding the condition of the iron market, a lowering of the estimates on the earnings of United States Steel for the current quarter, and conjecture as to what may occur at the conferences of the various pools in the trade, constituted the stock in trade of the bears, but was not effective enough to make an impression upon values.

There are three conflicting influences at work, which tend to produce stagnation until one becomes paramount. On the side of the bears is the admitted depression in industrial circles, and the prevailing doubt as to whether the reaction will be prolonged or of short duration. The reaction has apparently gone farther than anyone thought would be possible six months ago. Probably the most puzzling problem to the managers of the great corporations is to decide whether a favorable change can be brought about by "standing pat" on present prices, or whether a "wide open" market will be necessary, such as occurred in 1896-97. It is expected that some decision relating to the iron trade will be reached this week. On the side of the bulls is the prospect of easier money. The New York banks are certainly gaining in cash, and should gain more rapidly next month. Yesterday the rate of call loans was easier, declining from 5½ per cent to 4 per cent, and closing near the bottom. Sterling exchange was firmer, due to the demand for remittances which are usually made at this season. The third and most important influence at work is our foreign commerce. The latter is now exhibiting some of the symptoms displayed in 1900, when we were piling up an enormous balance abroad through the excess of exports over imports. The figures for November, published yesterday, showed exports of merchandise aggregating in value $160,455,000. The imports of merchandise amounted to $77,000,000, a decrease of more than $8,000,000 as compared with the corresponding month last year. The balance of trade in our favor was $83,393,000, an increase of more than $43,500,000 as compared with November, 1902, and the largest balance, with one exception, on record. It is generally admitted that the country has liquidated its foreign indebtedness, and a favorable trade balance now counts for more than it did when we were borrowing immense sums from Europe. This increasing balance is also an assurance of easier money, because it places at our command the gold supplies abroad. The question is, will industrial depression, which has such a widespread effect, overcome the effects of easier money and unprecedentedly favorable foreign trade conditions? The public is in doubt, and the narrow stock market is an expression of that state of mind.

On the Pittsburgh exchange there was a further falling off in dealings and prices averaged lower. The largest trading was in Pittsburgh Coal preferred, which declined to 59 and closed at the lowest. Crucible Steel common declined to 4, while the preferred remained unchanged at 28½. Westinghouse Electric was firmer, advancing to and closing at 78. National Fire Proofing common and preferred were weak and lower, and displayed no rallying power. Philadelphia Company and Manufacturers' Light and Heat were firm and higher. River Coal bonds declined a fraction, to 111½.

PITTSBURGH STOCKS.

Sales on the Pittsburgh stock exchange yesterday were 2,903 shares stock and $4,000 bonds, as follows:

10 A. M. to 10:30 A. M.

1 Citizens Trac.	64	4 Pgh. Coal pfd.	59½
1 do.	64	1 do.	59½
100 U. S. Steel pf	52½	5 Fire Proof pf..	23½
$2000 R. Coal 6s..	111½	30 do.	23½
$2000 do.	111½	2 Crucible pfd...	29
10 Electric 2ds...	77½	100 do.	28⅝

10:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

10 W. Airbrake	131	50 Pgh. Coal pfd.	59¼
50 Pgh. Coal pfd	59¼	100 do.	59¼
50 do.	59½	11 do.	59¼
36 do.	59	100 do.	59¼
50 do.	59	50 Crucible pfd...	8⅞
100 do.	59	100 do.	28⅞

12:30 P. M. to 2 P. M.

16 Pgh. Coal pfd	59¼	10 Phila. Co.	39
5 Crucible	4	25 U. S. Steel	10¼
25 Mfrs. L. & H.	30	20 do.	10¼

2 P. M. to 3 P. M.

12 Pgh. Coal pfd	59¼	62 Mfrs. L. & H..	30
100 do.	59	70 do.	30
50 do.	59	15 do.	30
50 do.	59	5 do.	30
50 do.	59	5 do.	30
50 do.	59	50 do.	30
50 Fire Proof pf.	22½	200 Crucible	4
25 Crucible pfd.	28⅛	100 do.	4
10 do.	28½	100 do.	4
5 do.	28½	5 do.	4
25 do.	28½	10 do.	4
2 do.	29	10 do.	4
90 do.	28½	35 Electric 2ds...	78
10 do.	28½	15 do.	78
100 Marsden	3	50 do.	78
50 do.	3	100 Fire Proof	7⅛
100 do.	3	10 Brewing	25
100 do.	3	20 U. S. Steel pf.	53
100 Mfrs. L. & H.	30		

Summary.

Shares.	High.	Low.	Last Sale.	Ch'ge.
10 Brewing	25	25	25	—¼
2 Citizens Trac	64	64	64	0
430 Crucible Steel	4	4	4	—¼
419 Do pfd	*29	28⅛	28⅛	0
100 Fireproofing	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛	—⅝
85 Do pfd	23½	22½	22½	—1
332 Mfrs. L. & H.	30	30	30	+½
250 Marsden	3	3	3	0
10 Phila. Co.	39	39	39	+2
880 Pgh. Coal pfd	*59½	59	59	—½
45 U. S. Steel	10¼	10¼	10¼	—½
120 Do pfd	53	52½	53	1
10 West. Airbrake	131	131	131	+1
110 West. El. 2ds	78	77½	78	+1¼
2903				
BONDS.				
$4,000 Riv. Coal 6s	111½	111½	111½	—½

*Less than 10 shares.

Closing Bids and Offers.

STOCKS.	Par.	Bid.	Ask.
Manufacturers Light & Heat	50	29¾	....
Ohio Fuel Supply	25	37	....
Pleasant Valley Traction	25	23	....
Westinghouse Electric 2d pfd.	50	77½	78
Crucible Steel	100	4	....
Do preferred	100	28½	28¾
Harbison-Walker Co. pfd	100	....	9
Monongahela River Coal	100	28½	....
Marsden	100	3	3¼
National Fire Proofing	50	6½	7¼
Do preferred	50	22	....
Philadelphia Co	50	38½	38⅞
Pgh., Bess. & L. E. R. R.	50	30	32
Pittsburgh Brewing	50	25	25½
Do preferred	50	42	44½
Pittsburgh Coal	100	....	18¼
Do preferred	100	58¾	59¼
United States Steel	100	10¼	10½
Do preferred	100	52⅞	53
Westinghouse Airbrake	50	129	....

BONDS.	Par.	Bid.	Ask.
B., K. & A. Traction 6s	....	115	....
Monongahela Light & Pow. 5s	....	....	100¼
Monongahela River Coal 6s	....	111½	111⅝
Pittsburgh Brewing 6s	....	....	113¼
Birmingham Traction 5s	....	110	....
Brownsville Av. Ry. 5s	....	111	....

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Pittsburgh coal preferred yesterday declined to 59, another new low record. Brokers' clients are beginning to make inquiries as to the cause of the weakness. The street has generally been very friendly toward the stock, which has always been well supported, and which has in the past met with the favor of investors. The principal reason assigned for the present decline is the comparison that is always instituted between stocks of the same class. There is an almost irresistible disposition on the part of the speculative and investment public to measure the market value of industrial preferred stocks by United States Steel. The latter has been declining because of rumors of reduced earnings. These rumors will not apply to Pittsburgh Coal, because its earnings are wonderfully well maintained. For the month of November they were nearly $37,000 net larger than for the corresponding month last year. The net earnings for 11 months of the year compare as follows:

	1903.	1902.
January	$ 588,045 65	$ 173,917 76
February	375,973 24	100,935 99
March	412,993 87	168,923 96
April	587,839 81	344,628 93
May	615,738 44	379,779 21
June	703,735 82	457,701 73
July	612,976 04	404,145 23
August	628,151 95	401,087 20
September	629,253 56	434,350 76
October	763,273 45	722,105 41
November	590,383 03	533,643 82
Totals	$6,507,644 96	$4,124,099 50

There was no explanation for the sudden weakness developed in National Fire Proofing stocks. The common sold off to 7⅛, and the preferred was a dollar a share lower at 22½, and both closed at the lowest.

Ten shares Philadelphia Company common sold at 39, and at one time that price was bid for quotable lots, the highest price of the month. It is reported that the November statement, due next week, will show an increase in gross earnings of $118,000.

Manufacturers Light & Heat was firmer, selling at 30, over 300 shares changing hands at the advance.

About 850 shares Crucible Steel common and preferred changed hands yesterday, the former declining to 4 and the latter remaining unchanged at 28½. The buying of these stocks is evidently by investors who believe that for a long turn they promise a good profit. It is estimated by brokers that very little of the stock is carried on margin, hence there is no need for supporting the market price.

United States Steel common and preferred were quieter on the local board yesterday than for a long time past. Brokers say that there is a large short interest in the stock, and that deliveries on purchases are slow.

It was reported that there were small offerings of Colonial Trust at 400 and 350 was bid. There were no public quotations on the stock.

The American Pipe Manufacturing Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 3 per cent, payable January 1.

The Utah Consolidated Mining Company has declared a dividend of $1.50 a share, payable January 15 to stock of record December 19.

Directors of the Corn Products Company have declared the regular 1¾ per cent quarterly dividend on the preferred stock.

Directors of the United Fruit Company have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent. Some of the directors favored the payment of a quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent, but voted with the majority in favor of the old rates.

The gross earnings of the Allegheny Valley Railway for October increased $68,014 and the net earnings decreased $6,897. For 10 months of the calendar year the gross earnings increased $780,800 and net increased $118,171.

Mr. A. C. Spindler, attorney for and director in the Home Trust Company, departed yesterday for Los Angeles, Cal., on business.

A Philadelphia dispatch said: "The steel rate committee, representing lines east of the Mississippi, has reduced the basing rate from Pittsburgh and Buffalo to New York, New England and Philadelphia, 30 per cent, to $2 70, to take effect January 1."

The National City bank secured an additional $100,000 gold at London for import. This makes that bank's total engagements $7,850,000, and total for all importers to date $21,415,000.

The disturbed tendency of the money market which often becomes apparent towards the close of the year, is entirely lacking at present. Currency is moving freely towards New York from the west, and the continued movement towards New Orleans is not sufficient to offset the inflow. The large receipts of gold and the incoming shipments still to be received before the turn of the year afford assurance of easy conditions of money for the small remaining period of the year, after which a natural influx of funds to New York is looked for.

Amalgamated Copper, with 53,070 shares, and Steel preferred, with 45,200 shares, made up one-third of the day's business.

The summary of the November foreign trade makes the following exhibit:

Mdse., imports	$77,061,896	$85,478,765
Mdse. exports	160,455,590	125,043,181
Excess mdse. exp.	$83,393,784	$39,564,416
Gold imports	11,890,343	5,836,367
Gold exports	993,150	714,195
Excess gold imp.	$10,367,193	$5,121,832
Silver imports	2,556,426	2,199,353
Silver exports	6,067,762	3,764,674
Exc. silv. expts.	$3,511,336	$1,565,321
Eleven months—		
Mdse. imports	$917,908,986	$875,017,546
Mdse. exports	1,310,246,191	1,212,532,093
Ex. mdse. expts.	$392,337,205	$337,484,547
Gold imports	48,977,025	39,561,245
Gold exports	42,883,178	33,172,063
Ex. gld impts.	$6,093,847	$6,389,182
Silver imports	21,841,907	23,701,928
Silver exports	34,121,729	43,727,779
Ex. silver expts.	$12,279,822	$20,025,846

FEATURES OF THE DAY

IN PITTSBURGH.

Bank exchanges were $5,693,273, a decrease of $1,233,800.

Stock market was dull and prices averaged lower.

Sales on the exchange included 2,903 shares stock and $4,000 bonds.

Pittsburgh Coal preferred declined to and closed at 59.

Fire Proofing common declined to 7⅛ and the preferred to 22½.

Light and Heat, Philadelphia Company and Electric were firm and higher.

IN WALL STREET.

Total sales for day 323,600 shares of stock.

Fully half of these operations were confined to Amalgamated Copper, United States Steel preferred, Pennsylvania and Brooklyn Rapid Transit.

Sugar's advance to 125½ was due to the forecast of the passage of the Cuban bill.

Sharp advance in sterling exchange put an end to gold imports for the present.

Activity in raw copper in London aided Amalgamated in Wall street.

Bonds were dull and heavy, sales being $1,360,000, par value.

NEWS FROM THE MINES.

The Bankers Mine and Mining Company, of which Mr. E. A. Stahler of Allentown, Pa., is manager, made its first car shipment of ore recently, which ran at the rate of $5 gold, 310 ounces of silver to the ton, and 9½ per cent lead and 2 per cent copper. The shipment netted $161 above all expenses. Since then another car of sacked ore and three cars of second grade ore have been shipped. Mr. Stahler is also interested in the Belmont group in the same locality, from which the first car of ore will be shipped this week. The properties are close to the old town of Winfield, Colorado.

Darnell & Co., leasing on the Anna May Wells, owned by the United Mines Company, and situated on the southwest slope of Bull hill, Cripple Creek, have struck it rich, and judging from the specimens of rock it is one of the most important strikes that has been made in the camp this year. The vein, however, from which the ore was taken is not well defined, and it appears to be a blowout. The discovery was made in a surface trench and the quartz shows rusty gold and bright gold. Assays have been obtained running into the thousands per ton on picked samples of the rock. The lessees have already picked out three or four tons of the rock, and the average assays, without any sorting will run from 15 to 80 ounces.

Some very rich ore is being mined on the Gold Coin at the tenth level, and from present indications this old Victor favorite will in the near future be classed among the bonanza mines of the camp.

B. G. Woodford and others of Canon City have purchased the Black Diamond Park and Yellowstone lodes on South Wealthy mountain, from A. E. Bennett, J. F. McDonald, W. F. Bradshaw and others, says the Bowerman Herald. The properties are desirably located south of the famous Independence. The purchase was made through O. B. Miller.

The bond on the Jumbo group in Tonopah camp, Nevada, held by Patrick Clark and Major B. C. Kingsbury, of Spokane, has been given up. When the Spokane mining men secured the bond on the property it was supposed that they had one of the best properties in that now famous mining district. Just why they failed to carry out the bond is not given out. John McKane, owner of the property, wired in response to a telegram asking if the bond was off, as follows: "Yes. But the property is still being vigorously developed by me."

It is reported from Buffalo Hump that an enormous body of rich ore has been struck in the new tunnel of the Big Buffalo Mining Company, the ore being as rich as any that the company has ever had in the mine. The recent strike was made 300 feet in on the tunnel, which was started last spring on the old Orofino tunnel site. This tunnel is planned to be run in 4,000 feet, where it is calculated that the Big Buffalo lead will be struck at a depth of between 700 and 800 feet. Since the starting of work on this tunnel several ore bodies have been cut, the present strike being the largest and richest of any of them.

The Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Tin was a little higher again in London, spot closing 10s higher at £127 10s, while futures advanced 5s 3d to £129 10s. Locally tin was firm, with spot quoted at $27 75@27 90. Copper advanced 5s in the London market, spot there closing at £57 5s and future at £56 17s 6d. Locally copper was quiet but steady. Lake is quoted at $12 50@12 62½; electrolytic at $12 25@12 50, and casting at $12 12½@12 37½. Lead advanced 1s 3d to £11 5s 3d in London, but remained unchanged here at $4 37½ for small lots and $4 25 for 50-ton lots. Spelter advancing 2s 6d to £21 7s 6d in London, was dull and more or less nominal locally. Jobbing lots delivered out of local store are quoted nominally unchanged at $5 25, while supplies for December delivery range around $4 75. Iron was unchanged at 48s 9d in Glasgow, but 1½d higher, at 41s 7½d in Middlesboro. Locally iron was quiet. No. 1 foundry northern is quoted at $15 00@16 00; No. 2 foundry northern at $14 00@15 00; No. 1 foundry southern and No. 1 foundry southern soft at $13 50@14 00.

PITTSBURGH INDUSTRIAL EXCHANGE.

Closing quotations:	Bid.	Asked.
Aurora Cons. G. M.	.15	.20
Cons. Mercur (Utah)	.80	.90
Dakota-Calumet G. M.	.25	.33
Decatur Copper	.45	.50
Ethel Cons. Mines, pfd	.05	.08
Gt. Western (Henderson)	.65	.69
Hiden Fortune G. M.	.24½	.28
Horseshoe M., S. D. pfd	.12½	.12
Mine La Motte L. & S.	7.00	8.00
Par Value G. M.	.07½	.10
Pgh. & Montana	40.00	45.00
Spearfish G. M.	.29	.35
Treadwell, Geo. A.	5.50	6.50
Twentieth Century (Ont.)	6.50	8.50
Viznaga G. M.	.11	.15
Dabney Oil	.32	.45
Ohio & Ind. Oil (Logans)	.50	.68½
Union Cons. Oil	.10	.14

SALES.

500 shares Decatur Copper	.50
4 shares Marconi Wireless (full shares)	45.00
100 shares Decatur Copper	.50

Boston Copper Stocks.

(Reported by A. E. Masten & Co.)

Stocks.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close Bids.
Allouez	4⅝	4¾	4⅝	4
Adventure	2	2¼	2	2
Atlantic	7½	7½	7¼	7⅞
Black Diamond	*2	12½	....	2
Bingham	20	20½	20	20
Calumet & Arizona	103	....	....	85
Calumet & Hecla	455	455	455	455
Calumet & Pgh	170	....	....	35
Franklin	7½	7½	7⅛	7½
Junction Dev. Co.	*9	....	....	....
Lake Sup. & Pgh	100	....	....	65
Michigan	5½	5½	5½	4½
Osceola	59	59	59	59
Old Dominion	9	9	9	8
Parrot	22	22	22⅞	22
Pgh. & Duluth	*26	*34	....	28
Range Consolidated	46¼	47	46⅝	45⅝
Trinity	4½	5	4½	4½
Utah	30⅛	30½	30	30
U. S. Mining	18½	19¼	18½	18½
Victoria	2	2⅛	2	1⅞

New York Mining Stocks.

*Adams Con.	.25	Little Chief	.06
Alice	.14	*Ontario	6.00
Breece	.10	Ophir	1.90
Brunswick Con.	.03	Phoenix	.10
Comstock Tun.	.06	Potosi	.12
Con. Cal. & Va.	1.05	Savage	.37
Horn Silver	1.05	Sierra Nevada	.48
Iron Silver	1.85	Small Hopes	.15
Leadville Con.	.02	Standard	2.60

*Offered.

THE MONEY MARKET.

The local money market remains steady and unchanged at 6 per cent on call and time loans. Clearing house comparisons:

	Exchanges.	Balances.
Yesterday	$5,693,273 [illegible]	$ 910,972 43
Last week	6,285,0[illegible] 49	1,004,030 58
Last year	6,926,458 63	1,193,071 69

Foreign Money Market.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Money, 3@3½ per cent. The rate of discount for short bills is 3⅞@3⅞ per cent. The rate of discount for three months' bills is 3⅞@3⅞ per cent. Consols for money, 88 13-16; consols for account, 88 15-16. Money was in moderate demand today and the supply was abundant. The advance in New York exchange rates weakened discounts and lowered the price of gold eagles. Business on the stock exchange was sharply irregular. The approach of the holidays and renewed uneasiness regarding the situation of affairs in the far east checked operations.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Trading on the bourse today was light.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Trading on the bourse today was indecisive. Internationals were depressed by unfavorable rumors in regard to the Russo-Japanese situation. Industrials were inactive, active at first, later were calm and at the close were firm. The private rate of discount was 2 13-16 per cent.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the $150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, $227,774,151; gold, $116,332,723; silver, $708,222; United States notes, $3,8[illegible],824; treasury notes of 1890, $44,604; national bank notes, $10,547,196; total receipts this day, $1,344,705; total receipts this month, $23,117,900; total receipts this year, $259,907,751; total expenditures this day, $[illegible],000; total expenditures this month, $16,272,000; total expenditures this year, $254,077,805; deposits in national banks, $172,5[illegible],878.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Money on call steady, 4¼@5½ per cent, closing bid and offered 4. Time loans slightly easier; 60 days and 90 days, 6 per cent; six months, 5@5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent. Sterling exchange strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 85.85@4 85.90 for demand and at $4 80.60@4 80.70 for 60-day bills. Posted rates, $4 81½@4 81¾ and $4 84½@4 85. Commercial bills, $4 80¼@4 80⅝. Bar silver, 55 5-8. Mexican dollars, 42c. Government bonds steady. Railroad bonds heavy.

Foreign Exchange.

The Iron City Trust Company quotes checks as follows: Sterling, 486.00; francs, 520.10; marks, 95.00; kronen (Austria), 20.25; Dutch florins, 40.15; Italian lire (paper), 518.55; rubles, 51.45; pesetas (Spain), 15.25; kroner (Scandinavia), 26.67; Hongkong (dollars local currency), 423.00; Manila (dollars local currency), 431.00.

MOVEMENTS IN TRADE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A further extension of time to December 29 has been granted by the reorganization committee of the Denver & Southwestern road for depositing bonds under its plan. While making no official statement it is known that the committee has already pledged to its support considerably more than a majority of the bonds.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Bullion to the amount of £20,000 was withdrawn from the Bank of England for shipment to Malta.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 16.—The application of the Mercantile Trust Company for the appointment of an additional receiver for the United States Shipbuilding Company was today denied by United States Judge Kirkpatrick.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—National bank notes received today for redemption, $688,441; government receipts from internal revenue, $460,442; customs, $847,876; miscellaneous, $78,331; expenditures, $850,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Directors of the Corn Products Company have declared the regular 1¾ per cent quarterly dividend on the preferred stock.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—The directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company today declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent and an extra dividend of ½ per cent.

COMPLETE RECORD NEW YORK STOCKS

Daily range of prices reported by Messrs. Henry Sproul & Co., Peoples Savings Bank building, members of New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago stock exchanges and Chicago board of trade.

ACTIVE LIST.

Sales.	STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
[illegible]	A. T. & S. F.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Amer. Sugar Ref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Am. Locomotive	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Amer. Car F'dry	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Ama. Copper	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Anaconda Copper	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Am. Smelt & Ref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	American Ice	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Balto. & Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Brk. Rap. Tran.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Canadian Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Chicago G. West.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Consolidated Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	C. C. C. & St. L.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Ches. & Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Chicago & Alton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Chicago & N. W.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Col. Fuel & Iron	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Corn Products	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Colorado South'n	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do 1st pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do 2d pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Del. & Hudson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Erie	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do 1st pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do 2d pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	General Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Illinois Central	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Iowa Central	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Internat. Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Louis. & Nash.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Manhattan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Missouri Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	M. K. & T. pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Metropolitan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Mexican Central	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	National Lead	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	National Biscuit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	N. Y. Central	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	N. J. Central	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	N. Y. O. & W.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Norfolk & West'n	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Peoples Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Pacific Mail	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Pullman	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Pressed Steel Car	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Penna. R. R.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Reading	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do 2d pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Rock Island	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Republic Iron	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Southern Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Southern Railway	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	St. Paul	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	St. L. & S. W.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Tenn. Coal & I.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Texas & Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Tol. St. L. & W.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	U. S. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Union Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	U. S. Rubber	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	U. S. Leather	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	U. S. Realty & C.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Wabash	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	W. Union Tel.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Wis. Central	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

INACTIVE LIST.

Sales.	STOCKS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
[illegible]	Am. Grass & T.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Am. H. & L. pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	American Malt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Am. Linseed Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Chi. Union Trac.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Chi. Term. T. pf.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Con. Tobacco pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Detroit Un. Ry.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Du. S. S. & A. pf.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Kan. & Michigan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Kan. C. & So. pf.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	K. C. Ft. S. & M. pf.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	M. St. P. & S. S. M.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Met. Securities	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Minn. & St. L.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	N. Y. Airbrake	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Pac. Coast Co.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do 2d pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Rubber Goods	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Union B. & P.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Va. Car.-Chem.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Do preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	W. & L. E. 2d pfd.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible] total sales.

CLOSING PRICE NEW YORK BONDS.

[illegible]

*Offered.

New York Curb Stocks.

(Reported by Henry Sproul & Co.)

[illegible]

Philadelphia Closing Bids.

[illegible]

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

[illegible]

*Asked.

Electric Stocks at Boston.

[illegible]

Butter, Eggs and Cheese.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Butter—Receipts, [illegible]

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Butter steady; [illegible]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Butter steady; [illegible]

Banks and Treasury.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—[illegible]

LEET TOWNSHIP PROPERTY SOLD

Fair Oaks Land Company Buys the Menke Farm of 55 Acres for $50,000.

MORTGAGE-LOAN CONDITIONS

The Fair Oaks Land Company has purchased from A. J. Menke a tract of 55 acres in Leet township for $50,000. The property is well known, being situated on the east side of the Big Sewickley creek road, a short distance east of the Economy distillery. It has a frontage of about 1,000 feet in this road and is only 60 rods from Fair Oaks station on the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago railroad. The Old Men's home is near by and the holdings of James B. Oliver are almost adjoining. On the farm is a large stone house which has been occupied as a home by the owner for many years. The purchasing company is said to be made up of steel officials, who, encouraged by the success of the new allotments at Ambridge and Economy and by the demands for choice home sites in the lower Sewickley district, have bought the property to lay out in large suburban home sites. No other property in this neighborhood has been sold for some time, so that the price paid for this one, $909 an acre, may be taken as a fair criterion of values there.

Big Allegheny Deal Closed.

The Merchants Land Company, composed of capitalists in Allegheny and the North Side suburbs, has got title from Rachel M. Lennox to the William A. Dunlop property, 17 acres, in the Fifteenth ward, Allegheny, for $88,500. The preliminary papers were signed in the summer, as noted in The Gazette, the deal being made through the Real Estate Savings and Trust Company of Allegheny, which since has plotted and sold a good part of the property. It is located nearly directly opposite the entrance to Riverview park, and the Perrysville avenue frontage furnishes some of the finest home sites in the ward. A cross-street has lately been laid out through the property to East street, giving four frontages.

John Kearns has secured a deed from Leopold Vilsack for the property at the northwest corner of Penn avenue and Ninth street, the sale of which was articled for some time ago for $85,000. The lot is 20x80 feet and has erected on it a two-story brick building used as a saloon. The sale marks a record price for Penn avenue frontage above Eighth street, for the property stands the new owner $4,250 a front foot, or 253 12 a square foot.

Money Freer in the West.

Advices received this week from western cities indicate that mortgage money there is much easier than in Pittsburgh. In parts of Kansas and Nebraska the banks through the county papers are advertising large amounts of money to be placed on good landed securities at 5 and 5½ per cent. A broker who has recently returned from an extended western trip says that these rates can be secured in California also. A large amount of money has been loaned in Pittsburgh since December 1, but most of it has come from the east and the uniform rate has been 6 per cent. Within the last two weeks local funds in small quantities have come forward much more freely and money can be secured now with little trouble if the properties to be mortgaged are well located and in good repair. There is a disposition to place more money on speculative building loans also than a few months ago, the prospect of lower prices making such projects more feasible for next year. Companies which are building houses and flats for others on the building and loan plan are gradually increasing their funds and report a good number of applications.

B. & O. Begins Its Improvements.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company was yesterday granted four permits for new buildings in Glenwood which will cost $127,000. A one story brick roundhouse will cost $75,000, a brick manufacturing plant $44,000, a frame trainmen's house $5,000 and a brick underground pot and slack coal plant $3,100.

The Eighteenth regiment, N. G. P., was granted a permit for a frame drill hall at Forbes street and Craft avenue, Fourteenth ward, to cost $3,000.

J. C. White of the Reliance Real Estate Company, is preparing to build five houses in Chartiers avenue, Sheraden, at a cost of $2,500 each. The houses will contain five rooms and bath each.

Elmer street: Albert G. Breitweiser sold to Charles E. Breitweiser an improved property, 58x100 feet, on the southeast side of Elmer and Bellefonte streets, Twentieth ward, for $10,500.

Second avenue: George N. Morris sold to Simon Goldfarb an improved lot, 20x100 feet, on the north side of Second avenue, near Boyds hill, Sixth ward, for $4,500.

Transfers Recorded.

Agnes Palmer to Kate B McIntire, Nov 13, 16th wd, Ally, lot, Maple ave	4,500
P C DuVall to Elmer Armstrong, Nov 12, Esplen, 25x150, Turnpike Rd	2,500
Geo C Norris to Nathan Sommerman, Nov 16, 8th wd, Pgh, 39x67, Logan st	3,600
Jacob Little to S Kaufman, June 30, 14th wd, Pgh, 24x98, Fifth ave	8,900
Rebecca S Foster to J W Elliott, Dec 10, Leet twp, 190x145, Oliver ave	12,000
Wm F Whalon to J Thos Burns, Nov 24, 21st wd, Pgh, 22x120, McPherson st	4,300
T J Donahoe to F Niedhammer, Nov 28, 21st wd, Pgh, 25x100, Mayflower st	3,325
Christian Hess to Henry A Breed, Nov 25, 20th wd, Pgh, 37x104, Westminster street	10,780
J H Johnston to Henry Smith, Dec 1, 14th wd, Pgh, 30x100, Dithridge st	11,000
L Vilsack to John Kearns, July 29, 4th wd, Pgh, 20x80, Ninth st	85,000
Chas McConnell to E R Wiestling, December 3, 20th wd, Pgh, 24x120, Marchand st	6,000
E M Ferguson to Jno Bindley, Dec 8, 4th wd, Ally, 164x100, Main st	37,500
Eliza F Rankin to Jno W Sherrer, Dec 3, 21st wd, Pgh, 70x113, Lincoln ave	6,500
Hugh McC Glass to A P Glass, Sept 10, Robinson twp, 51 acres	2,500
James Murray to Patrick Carr, Dec 2, 19th wd, Pgh, 26x100, Dearborn st	3,000
Hannah Kirchoff to A Medill, Nov 27, Carnegie, 24x115, Jefferson st	1,500
J H Wise to C M Robinson, Oct 29, 21st wd, Pgh, 40x110, Port View ave	1,000
F I Gibson to J W Milligan, Nov 12, Swissvale, 100x110, Roslyn st	18,000
Samuel W Lea to Wm L Barum, Sept 2, Scott twp, 26x50, Borough View st	2,500
Jno M Poorbaugh to Jesse B Howard, Feb 7, Mifflin twp, 37x120, Davis ave	3,100
Geo Meskins to A L Merz, Oct 1, 38th wd, Pgh, 25x130, Thompson st	2,000
Mary L Minnick to Margaret Fraun, Dec 8, 21st wd, Pgh, 25x130, Thompson st	2,000
G Berardine to James Curran, Dec 7, East Pgh, 30x100, Glosser st	700
Wm F Crooks to Mary C Mosse, Oct 16, Pitcairn, 24, Third st	2,000
Geo C McAnulty to John Marsh, Nov 25, Baldwin twp, 3 acres	1,570
John Marsh to Mary A Marsh, Nov 25, Baldwin twp, 3 acres	1,570
Louise Werner to F Szymkowiak, April 18, 26th wd, Pgh, 20x60, South Nineteenth st	2,500
Wm S Charles to Sadie Charles, Aug 25, 26th wd, Pgh, 13x65, Larkins alley	2,000
Katharine Baldauf to Richard Meyers, Aug 20, L St Cl twp, lot	300
Geo L Gearing to Geo H Vaux, July 18, 13th wd, Pgh, 38x18, Kirkpatrick st	3,000
H C Gearing to Geo H Vaux, July 18, 13th w,d Pgh, lot 18x38	1,500
J C Mahoney to Annie L Hurley, April 8, 27th wd, Pgh, lot 70x46, Mallkoff st	1,450
Thos R Laughry to Louis Zitzman, Dec 5, 14th wd, Pgh, 67x100, Ward st	3,712
Jno Wagner to J S Hunter, Oct 15, Mt Oliver, 25x102, Charles alley	1,750

Turpentine and Rosin.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 16.—Spirits turpentine firm at 55c. Rosin steady at $2 10. Tar firm at $1 70. Crude turpentine firm at $2 25@3 80.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 16.—Turpentine firm at 56¼c. Rosin firm. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, $2 20; G, $2 25; H, $2 30; I, $2 55; K, $2 80; M, $2 90; N, $3 05; W G, $3 25; W W, $3 50.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 16.—Turpentine steady at 53½c. Rosin steady.

Standard Investment Bonds.

The Colonial Trust Company, 317 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, offers for sale a variety of bonds, yielding the purchaser from 4½ to 5¾ per cent, which it recommends as desirable investments.

Inquire of Alexander C. Thompson, manager bond department.

DIVIDENDS.

Real Estate Trust Co.,
311 Fourth ave.

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Dec. 14, 1903.

MANIPULATION LOSING ITS FORCE IN MARKET

Business Contracted Materially and Prices Were Irregular and Heavy.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Herald this (Thursday) morning says:

Such movements as occurred in yesterday's speculative market were of a manipulative character, but manipulation seemed to lose much of the force and potency. Business contracted materially and prices were irregular and heavy. Some persons attributed the hesitant tone of the market and the decreasing professional activity to the "slipping" of stocks by one clever set of traders on the others, while other market experts maintained that the quieter market was an acknowledgment on the part of the manipulative party that they had made but little real progress and that the public had played no part in the general movement. The latter explanation was, however, scarcely necessary. Commission house brokers throughout the recent movement have maintained that it was "all on the floor," and traders themselves have grown suspicious and incredulous of the operations, which were confined to a limited number of stocks.

Aside from the very sharp advance in sterling exchange, which in three days has carried demand bills about 1 cent in the pound higher, there was practically nothing in the way of news. After the close of business the Cuban reciprocity treaty passed the senate, and, while Sugar stock was steady during the day, the advances of Sugar stock in recent days would seem to indicate that the outcome was well known and had been fully discounted in the market. The rumors concerning a cut of steel prices by independents were widely current and received confirmation in the weekly comments on the steel market by the Iron Age, the recognized authority on the industry. There was also circulated with much persistency reports of very poor earnings in the forthcoming report of the steel corporation. Some of these reports, moreover, came from excellent authorities.

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FOUNDRY COKE SELLING WELL

Contracts Being Made at $2.65 for All of the Coming Year Covering Large Supply.

THE IRON AND STEEL MARKETS

A brisk trade in foundry coke has served to give considerable encouragement to the whole iron market. Contracts are already signed in many cases and are being made in still more for deliveries extending all through the coming year. It is significant that these contracts call, in some cases, for deliveries to start in the latter part of the second or the first of the third quarter of the year and run to the close of 1904.

For the 72-hour Connellsville coke the prices are being held strictly to $2 65 for consumers. The size of the orders for coke are about the same as this year, thus showing the expectation of the melters that the business will be as large in 1904 as it has been in 1903.

The foundry iron output represents practically one-third of the total production of iron. In the past year out of 20,000,000 tons of iron made no less than 6,000,000 tons have been foundry iron.

Foundry Iron Demand Good.

Furnacemen report also a fairly good volume of orders for foundry iron itself. The prices range from $13 75, Pittsburgh, up to $14 for the No. 2 grade. Gray forge brings about $13 50, Pittsburgh. Bessemer, when sales are made, which is rarely now, sells at from $14 to $14 25 Pittsburgh.

The reduction of furnace output has become most pronounced, probably exceeding 60 per cent in this district. This is to be expected under the conditions even if contracts by independent furnace operators placed for 1903 coke are all with independent producers, the Frick company having restricted its coke sales to the Steel Corporation. The contract price for 1903 being $3 50 a ton there is little inducement for the operators to run their furnaces now when all the outlook is for $2 60 coke for 1904. This will bring a reduction of $1 50 a ton in the cost of coke and it is expected that not less than 50 cents a ton will be saved in the lessened cost of labor, making a total of $2 00 a ton saved as compared with present prices.

Furnace Coke to Cost $2.

That furnace coke will harden to $2 00 a ton is the general belief. The success of the coke restriction agreement is now believed to be assured, although no formal ratification of the plan proposed by the committee has as yet been made. This has been delayed by several reasons independent of opposition to the plan. Largely on that account it is not believed that there will be sales of consequence at less than $2 00 when the pool is formed. There have been a few sales as low as $1 50 recently for small immediate shipments, operators desiring to get rid of a surplus. There is actual loss in the manufacture of coke for sale at that figure, manufacturers claim. No details are given yet as to the plan to be adopted, farther than the fact that it is similar to the coke pools of some years ago.

The greatest interest is felt here in the outcome of the meeting of the various pools and associations now in session in New York to fix prices for the first part of the coming year. Rumor has followed rumor that there will be at least a couple of dissolutions, and the United States Steel Corporation is generally credited with being the most dissatisfied member of the agreements. It is said that the independents have been scooping the business under the present workings of the plan.

Decision This Week.

The big concern does not take to this order of things with much gratification. Just what will be done is not yet decided and for that reason cannot be prophesied, but an open break of the pools is not thought likely by many closely in touch with the situation. The rail and the billet pools are the ones most frequently mentioned in this connection. The billet pool took into its membership in November practically every important producer in the country. This was for the month only, however, and the meeting this week will have an important bearing upon the entire future of the pool.

The railroads have held off orders for rails to the last moment in the expectation of lower prices being made by the rail pool. The acceptance of orders for delivery in foreign countries at several dollars a ton less than the present price and the fact that Belgian rail mills are taking orders for delivery in this country, especially on the Pacific coast both add to the strength of railroads' argument in favor of a reduction. The Belgian shipments are delivered at Pacific coast harbors by boats going around Cape Horn at a price lower than the $28 00 a ton named by the rail pool. Both $25 00 and $26 00 have been suggested by the railroads as satisfactory prices.

Hardware Trade Good.

In the hardware lines business exceeds in volume this month the same month of last year, due largely to the fact that season goods are in heavier demand on account of the much colder weather. Dealers look forward to the first of the year bringing a still larger trade. Both household supplies demanded by cold weather and sportsmen's supplies are moving out in large quantities. There is a particularly heavy business in wire nails and the demand for carpenters' tools is likewise greater than the depression in the building trades would indicate. Prices in general are firm with no indications at present of their becoming otherwise.

Revised Quotations.

Below are given quotations in various lines of iron and steel as fixed by recent sales or by trade agreements.

Bessemer pig iron—A ton, $14 00@14 25, Pittsburgh.

No. 2 foundry iron—A ton, Pittsburgh, $13 75@14 00.

Gray forge—A ton, Pittsburgh, $13 50.

Billets—Open hearth, $23 a ton; Bessemer, $23; Pittsburgh delivery.

Ferro-manganese—In large lots $50, delivered at Pittsburgh; in small lots, $52 the ton.

Muck bar—A ton, $28.

Steel rails—Standard sections, $28 a ton for 500-ton and larger lots; $30 a ton and $32 for less than car lots; small sections, 20 to 40 pounds per yard, $33 a gross ton; 16 pounds, $24; 12-pound, $35; 8-pound, $37.

Structural shapes—Beams and channels, 3 to 15 inches, $1 60 the 100 pounds; beams, 18, 20 and 24 inches, $1 70; angles, 3 to 6 inches and over, $1 65.

Steel plate—Tank plates, $1 60 the 100 pounds; flange quality, $1 70; ordinary firebox, $1 80.

Merchant steel—Tire steel, $2 15@2 25 for 100 pounds; spring steel, $2 25@2 35; toe calk, $2 30@2 40. On less than 2,000 pounds of a size and not less than 1,000, these prices are subject to an additional 10 cents on the prices for 100 pounds, and no less than 1,000 pounds, 30 cents.

Cold-rolled shafting quotations continue at 47 per cent off the list in car and larger lots and 42 per cent on less than car lots.

Tin plate—In 500-box and larger lots to recognized jobbers, $3 80 at the mill. To this is added a minimum freight rate of 10 cents per 100 for Pittsburgh delivery.

Black and galvanized sheets—Prices range from $2 60 the 100 pounds on the 28 gauge, black sheets, bought in 500-bundle and larger lots, to recognized jobbers, while the galvanized product ranges from $3 65 on the No. 28 gauge.

Merchant pipe—Discount to jobbers buying car and larger lots are as follows:

	Black. Pc.	Galv. Pc.
½-inch	70	60
¼, ⅜ and ⅝-inch	68	58
¾ to 6-inch	75	65
7 to 12-inch	69	59
Wrought iron.		
¼, ⅜ and ⅝-inch	65	55
½-inch	67	57
¾ to 6-inch	72	62
7 to 12-inch	66	56

For short lengths, extra lon. plain ends, threads and couplings the prices are higher.

CASING.

2 to 3 inches	58
3½ to 4 inches	60
4½ to 12 inches	63

Hardware Quotations.

The following quotations are furnished by the Bindley Hardware Company:

Wire nails, $1 95 in car lots, $2 05, base, in less than car lots; iron cut nails, $2 20 in car lots, $2 30, base, in less than car lots; plain galvanized wire, $2 15 in car lots, $2 25, base, in less than car lots; galvanized barbed wire, $2 55 in car lots, $2 65, base, in less than car lots; Columbia pocket knives, discount 35 per cent; Albion hatchets, discount 30 per cent; Stevens shotguns and rifles, discount 25 per cent; Bindley canal shovels, $6 50 per dozen; Great Western files, discount 70 and 10 per cent; window glass, 90 and 10 per cent from list October 1, 1903, in less than car lots; sheet iron, base, No. 26, $2 85 per 100 pounds; galvanized sheet iron, discount 70 and 10 per cent; sash weights, per ton, $30.

FOUNDRY PIG IRON MARKETS ARE FIRMER

Minimum Price for Southern Product Is $9 50 for No. 2 Birmingham.

[BY PRIVATE WIRE TO THE GAZETTE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Iron Age tomorrow will say:

The markets for foundry pig iron are firmer, and so far as the southern product is concerned, the minimum price is now $9 50 for No. 2 Birmingham, at which some business has been done in the principal distributing centers. This narrows the unusual gap between the prices of southern and northern iron and gives the latter an opportunity to do more than book urgent orders for prompt delivery, to which much of the business has been confined of late. Thus, round sales of both northern and southern iron have been made in Chicago, while Pittsburgh reports transactions aggregating 50,000 tons to leading consuming interests for delivery during the first quarter and the first half of 1904.

In the east there is a continued demand for basic pig, and sales aggregating 10,000 tons have been made, including a lot of 4,000 tons for a New York state plant, for all of which the equivalent of $14, delivered at Eastern Pennsylvania steel works, was realized, thus showing a slight advance. A corresponding advance in basic pig is reported from Pittsburgh. Bessemer pig continues rather quiet.

The official pool price in steel billets is being undercut by outside works to the extent of about $2 per ton for what little business is going. A good deal of interest attaches to the coming meeting of the pool, but more from the point of view of the sentimental effect of what action is taken upon the prices of steel rails and other finished material. In itself the price of ordinary standard billets is not of much significance, because the market is a very narrow one.

The markets for those forms of finished iron and steel which are controlled by associations are awaiting the result of the meetings in this city this week. There is a strong feeling among manufacturers that any reductions in prices will not much stimulate buying. This is particularly true of structural material. Some fair contracts have been placed lately for bridge work and for buildings, among them being a lot of 23 bridges for the Western Maryland railroad, aggregating 7,000 tons. In plates a moderate reduction in prices is expected.

While the sheet trade is looking forward to the early placing of season contracts, the market at this writing is rather weaker. The same is true of iron bars, which have been offered as low as $1 25 at Chicago.

In the cast iron pipe trade the event of the week has been the placing of 8,000 tons by New York city.

The whole industry is on the tip-toe of expectation as to the award of the work for the Pennsylvania tunnels, which calls for a large tonnage of iron and steel.

In the steel rail trade a little more business has been done. An anomalous state of affairs has developed in light sections, which usually sell at higher prices than standard sections, but are now being marketed at $24 to $28, according to weight. This is due to some extent to the competition of the mills which re-roll old steel rails.

As bearing on the export trade, it is worthy of note that the German steel works are showing increased anxiety for business, which is reflected in a decidedly weaker tone in neutral markets.

It looks as though the efforts of the coke producers to establish a central selling agency and check the demoralization will not come to anything. Connellsville coke has now got down close to $1 50, while main line and Klondike cokes have sold at less than that figure. This is an extraordinary contrast with the state of affairs a year ago, when as high as $6 and $7 per ton was paid to keep furnaces going.

Coffee and Sugar.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Coffee—The market for coffee futures opened steady at a decline of 15@25 points, which was only a partial response to much lower European cables and rather full primary receipts. Trading was fairly active at the decline, there being heavy liquidation of scattering long accounts, but at the lower level there was good support from the recognized bull contingent, and while Europe was a seller early, foreign orders later in the day seemed to favor the buying side, so that the market ruled steady, recovering part of the initial loss, the better tone becoming more apparent as the closing French cable reported an advance of ½ franc in that market, making the net decline a matter of 1½ francs. The close was steady, net 10 to 15 points lower. Sales were 151,000 bags, including January at 6.05@6.10c; February at 6.10c; March at 6.25@6.40c; April at 6.35@6.55c; May at 6.55@6.75c; June at 6.75c; July at 6.80@6.90c; September at 7.00@7.10c; October at 7.05@7.10c; November at 7.10@7.15c.

Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 3⅜c; centrifugal 96 test, 3⅝c; molasses sugar, 2⅞c. Refined steady; crushed, 5.05c; powdered, 4.55c; granulated, 4.45c.

To Avoid Smallpox.

A general order has been issued by the Pennsylvania railroad that all of its employes be vaccinated. Those holding certificates of recent vaccination, or those who have had the disease, will be excepted. A similar order was issued about 15 months ago, and was generally complied with, so that the present task will not be such a great one. Dr. W. K. Shaw will have charge of the work on the Pittsburgh division. A number of firemen were vaccinated yesterday at the Union station, Twenty-eighth street and Pitcairn. The class of employes exposed to the weather, such as brakemen, engineers and firemen, are not very anxious to be scratched.

HENS HAVE REBELLED AGAINST ZERO TIMES

Eggs May Go Sky-High—Rabbits and Squirrels Are Scarce.

Freezing weather has sent up the price of eggs and the market is growing stronger and stronger. Quotations reached the highest point so far this winter yesterday, and dealers say that in case the cold continues the price will not stop until 45 and 50 cents is reached. All grades went up two points yesterday, and select are now quoted at 33 and 34 cents. There is a great scarcity of fresh eggs and this is affecting the market directly. In Chicago the prices now quoted are higher, with one exception, than at any time for 10 years. A stronger market there means continued coming up of the market here. The butter market is easy and the cheese market is weak.

The grocery and produce markets are steady. Rabbits and squirrels are strong and are now quoted at 25 to 35 cents and 40 to 50 cents, respectively. There has been a scarcity of both, but snow in the country, it is thought, will soon swell the supply of rabbits. Marrow squash is now quoted at 90 cents to $1 and radishes at 20 to 25 cents, the only changes in the produce market. There is little demand for either.

The grain and hay market is firmer all around. No. 1 timothy is now quoted at $13 50 to $14. Tuesday the market weakened, but yesterday No. 1 was offered at $13.50. Receipts have fallen off and oats, bran and corn of good grades are stronger.

HAY, GRAIN AND FEED.

Receipts bulletined: Pennsylvania lines, 36 cars hay, 2 cars oats, 1 car corn, 1 car straw; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, 11 cars hay, 1 car corn, 1 car oats, 1 car feed; Baltimore & Ohio, 7 cars hay.

Hay, No. 1 timothy	$13.50@14.00	Rye, No. 2 Mich	66½@66¾c
do No. 2	$[illegible]@13.00	White middlings, No. 2, ton	$21.50@22.00
No. 1 clov.	$11.25@11.50	do brown	$20.00@21.00
do No. 2	$10.50@11.00	Bran, ton	$18.00@18.50
No. 1 mix	$11.50@12.00	Wheat, No. 2 red	79@80c
Loose from wagon	$15.00@17.00	Corn, No. 2 yellow shelled	53@54c
Straw, oat	$8.50@9.00	High mix	51@52c
do wheat	$8.50@9.00	No. 2 mix	49½@50c
do rye	$12.50@13.00	High mix	51½@52c
Oats, No. 2 white	41@41½c	New No. 2 yellow ear	54@55c
do No. 3	40½@41c		
do No. 4	39@39½c		

GROCERIES.

Flour.		do powdered	4.75c
Fancy spg. patent	$4.90@4.95	do powd xxxx	4.80c
Fancy winter pat	$4.25@4.30	do cubes	4.80c
Straight win.	$3.85@4.00	do cut loaf	5.15c
Bakers' spg.	$3.40@3.60	do coff. A	4.50@4.60c
Rye	$3.65@3.75	do No. 1 yellow	4.30c
Graham	$4.00@4.50	do No. 2 yellow	4.25c
Cornmeal bbl	$3.25@3.40	do No. 3 yellow	4.20c
do 10-lb cotton bags	17@18c	Beans.	
Rolled oats, bbl	$5.10	Navy, H. P.	$2.20@2.25
do kegs	$2.70	Navy, imp.	$2.10@2.15
Roasted Coffee.		Red kidney	$3.15@3.25
Rio	9½@12c	Cal. lima, lb	4½@5c
Santos	22½@23½c	Peas, dried bu	$1.30@1.40
Maracaibo	17@17½c	do split, lb	4c
Peaberry	17@18c	do marrow, bu	$2.00@2.10
Golden Rio	15@15½c	Oil, carbon, 110 deg	13½c
Caracas	19@19½c	do headlight	14c
Standard pkgs.	$11.05@11.55	do water white	14¼c
High gr'de	$17.30@18.30	do Ohio W. W. 150 deg	14c
Molasses, fancy refined	35@37c	do miners'	25@45c
do choice	32@35c	do Elaine	17c
do open ket	38@40c	do special brande	26@48c
Syrup.		Rice, ex-fancy head, lb	7@7½c
Fancy sugar	28@30c	do fancy Japan	5@5½c
Sug. and cane	24@25c	do choice Carolina	6@7c
Prime	24@25c	Salt, No. 1, bbl	$1.00
2½-lb cans, doz	90c	do No. 1 extra	$1.10
3-lb cans, doz	$1.10	do gran. rock	95c
5-lb cans, doz	$1.85	do pocket	$1.55@1.85
10-lb cans, doz	$3.40	do dairy	$1.25
Maple, gal	75c@$1.00	Sauer kraut, cask	$8.00
Oatmeal, bbl	$5.00	do bbls	$6.25
do kegs	$2.95	do half bbl	$3.50
Sugar sta. gran.	4.65c		
do bags	4.55c		
do 2-lb carton	4.80c		
Sugar, 5-lb cotton bags	4.80c		

CANNED GOODS.

Peaches, std. pie	$1.10	Plums, damson	$1.00
do pie, gal	$2.50@3.00	do Calif	$1.60@1.70
do California L. C.	$1.90@2.35	Raspberries	85@95c
do Maryland	$1.20@1.65	Gooseberries	95c@$1.00
do California Y. F.	$1.80@2.00	Tomatoes, standard	85@90c
Corn, fancy	$1.30@1.50	do fancy	$1.15@1.35
do std	$1.20@1.25	do gal	$3.00@3.10
Cherries, Cal., white	$2.50@2.75	Succotash, 1-lb cans	$1.25@1.40
Lima beans	$1.20@1.45	Baked beans, can, tomato sc.	75c@$1.40
do soaked	75@85c	Salmon, doz	95c@$2.00
String beans, 2-lb	75c	Chipped beef	$2.25@2.75
do 3-lb	95c	Corn and roast beef, 2-lb cans	$2.30@2.35
Stringless beans	$1.25@1.75	do 1-lb cans	$1.30@1.35
Peas, marrowfat	95c@$1.00	Mackerel, broiled	$1.00@2.50
do early June	90c@$1.30	Sardines, domestic, ¼s	$3.65@3.70
do soaked	55@65c	do mustards, ¾s	$2.75
Apples, N. Y., gal. cans	$2.15@2.25	do French	$9.00@15.75
Pineapples	$1.00@2.25		

DRIED FRUITS.

Apricots, evap., bags	9@12c	Raisins, Muscatel, 2 and 4 crown 50-lb boxes	7@8c
do 25-lb boxes	8½@11½c	do Ondara Val	8¾@9c
Apples, bulk	6¾@8½c	do Cal. Val.	7@7½c
do 1-lb cartons	7¼@7¾c	Currants, cleaned, 25 and 50-lb pkgs	7@7¼c
Peaches	7@10½c	Prunes	3½@10c
Raspberries	24@24½c	Figs, Cal	6@8c
Raisins, seeded, 1-lb pkgs	9½@10c	do Turk	12½@14c

SALT FISH.

Mackerel, No. 1 mess, bbl	$32.00	Mackerel, No. 2 bbls	$20.00
do half bbl	$16.50	do half bbl	$11.50
do quar. bbl	$8.25	do quarter bbl	$6.00
Mackerel, No. 1 plain, bbl	$25.00	do 20-lb pails	$2.40
do half bbls	$12.90	do 10-lb pails	$1.35
do quar. bbls	$6.60	Lake herring, 100 lbs	$3.00@3.25
do 20-lb pails	$2.75	do 20-lb quar	$1.25
do 10-lb pails	$1.45	do 10-lb	48c

SEEDS.

Clover, from store, recleaned, 60-lb bu, small	$7.10@7.20	Alfalfa	$8.50@9.00
do mammoth	$7.20@7.30	Millet	$1.25@1.50
do crimson	$4.50@4.75	Grass, Hungarian	90c@$1.10
do white Dutch	$14.00@18.00	do lawn, lb	18@25c
Alsike	$8.75@9.00	do blue, 14-lb bu	$1.50@1.75
		do red top 14-lb bu	$1.10@2.00
		Timothy	$1.55@1.60

PRODUCE.

Potatoes, bu, store	80@85c	do Ashtabula, basket	25@35c
do track	70@75c	do head, bbl	$6.00@8.00
Sweets, Virginia	$2.00@2.25	Garlic, lb	7@8c
Kiln dried	$4.00@4.25	Carrots, bbl	$1.25@1.50
do bu. box	$1.25@1.35	String beans, bu	$3.50@4.00
do mediums	$1.75@2.00	Cauliflower, doz	$2.25@2.50
Turnips, bbl	$1.75@2.00	Watercress, doz	25@30c
Onions, bbl	$2.00@2.25	Brussels sprouts, quart	15@16c
do bulk, bu	65@75c	Peppers, green, bbl	$1.25@1.50
do new, doz	20@30c	Spinach, bu	75@85c
do Spanish crate	$1.00@1.10	Squash Hubbard, bbl	$1.50@1.75
Cucumbers, hothouse, doz	$1.25@1.50	do marrowfat	90c@$1.00
Cabbage, Danish	$35.00@40.00	Honey, new	15@17c
do lb	2@2½c	Parsnips, bbl	$1.75@2.00
Parsley, doz	$1.00@1.25	Rutabagas	$1.00@1.25
Radishes, doz	20@25c	Popcorn, lb	4@5c
Kale, bu	25@30c	Horseradish, bbl	$5.00@5.50
Celery, Ohio	25@35c	Egg plant, hamper	$4.00@4.50
Lettuce, home, doz	70c@$1.00		

PROVISIONS.

Hams.		Breakfast bacon, back strips	11½c
18 lbs and up	10½c	Dry salt sides, extra short clears	8½c
Over 14 to 18 lbs	11½c	Bellies, 20 to 25 lbs	8¾c
Over 10 to 14 lbs	12½c	do 16 to 20 lbs	9c
10 lbs and under	12½c	do under 16 lbs	9c
Skinned	10¾c	Dry salt smoked sides, extra short clears	9½c
Boneless boiled	17½c	Bellies, 20 to 25 lbs	9¾c
California	8c	do 16 to 20 lbs	10c
Shoulders, N. Y. cut	8c	do under 16 lbs	10c
do skinned	8½c	Lard, pure, tierces	7½c
Breakfast bacon, ribs 8 to 10 lbs	13c		
do 10 to 12 lbs	12½c		
do back strips	11½c		
do clears, 8 to 10 lbs	13½c		
do 10 to 12 lbs	13¼c		

NUTS.

Chestnuts, lb	10@11c	Italian chestnuts	6@8c
Filberts	11c	Pecans	12c
Eng. walnuts	13@14c	Shellbacks, bu	$1.75@2.00
S. S. almonds	18c	Walnuts	$1.00@1.25
Tarr. almonds	18c	Butternuts	$1.00
Mixed	12c		
Brazil	11c		

BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE.

Butter.		do Wis. Swiss, tubs	14¼@15c
Prints	28@28½c	do 20-lb block Swiss new	14½@15c
Tubs	27@28c	do Limberger	12@13¼c
Ohio cream	25@25½c	do Brickstein	13¼@14c
Dairy	17@18c	Eggs, candled	31@33c
Country roll	15@16c	do select	33@34c
Cheese, N. Y. full cream	12¾@13c	do storage	18@20c
do Ohio	12@12½c		
do ¾ crm	11¼@11½c		
Cheese, Ohio Swiss	13@13½c		

DOMESTIC FRUITS.

Apples, fancy, bbl	$3.50@4.00	Cranberries, box	$2.25@2.50
do choice	$2.00@2.50	do bbl	$8.00@10.00
Grapes, Catawba	20c		

POULTRY AND GAME.

Live chickens	11@12c	Impt. ptarmigan, pair	$2.50
Roosters	7@8c	do grouse	$2.50
Turkeys	16@18c	do partridges	$2.25
Live ducks, lb	13@14c	do black cocks	$2.50
Geese	10@12c	do plover, doz	$4.50
Dressed hens	14@15c	Squirrels, pair	40@50c
Dressed springs	14@15c	Squab, doz	$4.50
Roasters	16@17c	Mallard ducks, pair	$1.75@2.00
Roosters	9@10c	do teal	$1.00
Turkeys, fresh, dressed	21@22c	do blue bill	$1.20
Ducks	17@18c	do ruddy	$1.20
Rabbits, pair	25@35c	do red head	$1.75@2.00
Capon, lb	28c	do canvas back	$3.50
No. 1 geese feather	58c		
do ex. live	65c		

TROPICAL FRUITS.

Lemons, Messina	$3.75@4.00	Cocoanuts, bags	$2.50
do Verdelli	$4.00@4.25	Bananas, 1sts	$1.75@2.25
do California	$3.00@3.50	do 2ds	$1.25@1.50
Limes, per 100	$1.00	Pineapples, crate	$2.50@3.00
Oranges, California, navel	$2.75@3.00	Pears, California, E. Beauties	$1.25@1.50
do Florida	$3.00@3.50	do Clairgeau	$2.75
do Jamaica, box	$2.75@3.00	Grapes, Almeria	$5.50@6.00
do bbl	$5.00@6.00	Grape fruit	$5.00@5.50
		Red Emperor	$1.75@2.00

HOLIDAY GREENS.

Christmas trees, per 100	$25.00@40.00	Evergreen, wreaths	$1.25@1.50
Holly, crate	$2.75@3.00	Sweet pepper, crate	$6.00@7.00
Laurel, yard	2½@3c	Mistletoe, bbl	$6.00@7.00
Evergreen, yd	4@4½c		
Holly, wreaths, per doz	$1.25@1.40		

The Drygoods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Market conditions in drygoods have changed but little during the day, buyers continuing to evince reluctance at paying the present level, while the attitude of sellers is stronger than ever. Considerable business is being booked quietly at asking prices, which neither buyer nor seller is willing to say very much about. Jobbers are preparing for their semi-annual clearance sales and house trade is not active.

The Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, $12 45; mid-gulf, $12 70; sales none. Futures closed steady; December, $12 16; January, $12 25; February, $12 34; March, $12 43; April, $12 45; May, $12 51; June, $12 51; July, $12 51; August, $12 17.

RAILWAY MEN SAY PUBLIC GET BEST OF MILEAGE BOOKS

While it is not likely that the severe criticism of Secretary of Internal Affairs Brown on the "embargoes" placed by the railroads on mileage books, which is made in his annual statement to Gov. Pennypacker, will result in any changes, passenger officials are nevertheless up in arms over the attack. Secretary Brown says it is a wrong practice for the roads to charge a deposit of $10 on $20 worth of mileage. The rate should be reduced, he says, and all roads issue books which can be used by more than one person at a time.

"It may be very interesting to Mr. Brown to know that mileage books are issued through courtesy, and, while they serve only a restricted class, the conditions on which they are sold are usually agreeable to the purchasers," said a prominent passenger official yesterday. "Not to be misunderstood, Mr. Brown is not thoroughly acquainted with the subject. As regards a reduction of rates, it may also be interesting to him to know that in Ohio last year the average passenger hauled paid less than 2 cents per mile. The exact average, according to the report of the railroad commissioner, was 1.9. This was due to excursion rates.

"The interchangeable 1,000 mileage books of which he speaks are sold at $30, with the understanding that if used within a certain time by the original purchaser, and no one else, $10 will be refunded. Or, in other words, if the purchaser agrees to allow no one else to use the books he gets it at a reduction of 33 1-3 per cent. This is at the rate of 2 cents a mile. No deposit is required. The condition of sale is a protection not only to weaker lines, but the public. If, for illustration, the books were sold for 2 cents a mile, it would force some of the weaker lines to discontinue trains which doubtless under the present arrangement do not pay. The lines that sell 1,000 mileage books for $20 are those which, by their charter, are compelled to grant rates of 2 cents. The question of population along the route makes a considerable difference. The New York Central is an illustration.

"The reason that the railroads do not allow the use of mileage books by all members of a family, at the same time, is that regular tickets can be purchased at the same cost. When Secretary Brown speaks of the annoyance of exchanging mileage for tickets at the ticket offices he does not go deep enough into the subject. It is a safeguard such as department stores use in having a wrapping department. It does not mean delay. East of here, for instance, mileage is good on the trains. There have been cases where the holders of books would attempt to bribe the conductor by giving a short mileage. In fact, there have been cases where the attempt would be a success. The railroads, I think, cannot be blamed for removing this temptation."

Talked of Improvements.

General Supt. W. C. Loree of the Baltimore & Ohio yesterday held a meeting with all the superintendents and engineers of his grand divisions to decide what amount of money will be needed in the maintenance-of-way department for the coming year. The estimates of the superintendents have been submitted to Mr. Loree for approval, to be forwarded to the general manager. There is little doubt but that the expenditure for 1904 will be considerably less than that for 1903.

Railroad Notes.

F. Patton, engineer of signals of the Baltimore & Ohio, was in the city yesterday.

John M. Osborn, agent of the Wabash & Lackawanna dispatch fast freight line at Toledo, was here yesterday.

R. G. Kreitler has resigned as agent of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie at West Pittsburgh. He goes to Warren with the Warren Paint Company.

F. N. Hart, formerly traveling agent of the Northwestern at Cleveland, has re-entered railroad service as agent of the Lake Shore-Lehigh Valley freight line at Cleveland.

A. F. Read, one of the well-known passenger men of the Pennsylvania lines at Pittsburgh, has been transferred from the general passenger offices to the city offices, Fifth avenue and Smithfield street, to take charge of the information bureau of the World's Fair.

The report of the Buffalo & Allegheny Valley division of the Pennsylvania for October and the 10 months ended with October, shows an increase in gross earnings for the month of $83,014, increase in expenses of $74,911, decrease in net earnings of $6,897. For the 10 months the increases were: Gross earnings, $730,822; expenses, $612,649; net earnings, $118,171.

Permits were issued the Baltimore & Ohio yesterday by the bureau of building inspection for improvements at Glenwood which total $253,200. The items are: Brick roundhouse, $75,000; frame trainmen's house, $2,500; pit and coaling plant, $3,100, and brick manufacturing plant, $84,000. The contracts for the work have been let for some time, and several of the buildings are under the course of construction. The "manufacturing plant" will be a repair and machine shop similar to those at all large railroad division points.

GRAINS CLOSED HIGHER IN THE CHICAGO MARKETS

Curtailment of Exportable Surplus in Argentine Caused Wheat Advance.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Comparatively firm cables and continued rainy weather news from Argentina were the main factors in bringing on a fair general demand for May wheat early in the day. May opened a shade lower to a shade higher at 81@81⅛c, advancing soon to 81¼@81⅜c. Northwest receipts, however, were nearly double those of the preceding year and southwestern receipts showed large gains. These features of the domestic situation were responsible for a selling movement that carried May down to 80⅝@80¾c. The crowd seemed to be bearishly inclined and there was little support offered. The leading longs sold a big line of July openly and it was rumored he was selling May through brokers. Quite a lot of wheat came out on this weak spot, but when the selling ceased a good demand from commission houses and pit traders started a rally. Seaboard reported 25 boat loads taken for export and this gave shorts their cue and they covered freely late in the day. Primary receipts were 985,300 bushels, compared with 662,000 bushels a year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 368 cars against 629 cars last week and 319 a year ago.

Although the advancing tendency in corn received a check from the early decline in wheat, it soon rallied from the depression and ruled firm throughout the remainder of the day. Small receipts and firm cables were partly responsible for the firmness. The Iowa crop report was the occasion of a fair upturn in the price of the May option. It showed a reduction of 67,000,000 bushels in the present crop from that of last year. There was also a considerable improvement in the cash demand, the cash article showing a gain of a full cent. Local receipts were 17 cars, none of contract grade.

A little demand from commission houses and selling by shippers were about the only features in trading in oats. There was no evidence of any selling by the big longs, nor any further accumulation by these interests. Prices showed little change. Local receipts were 38 cars.

Provisions were lower as was expected in view of the liberal receipts of hogs, and a decline of from 10@15c in prices at the yards. Total receipts of hogs at western markets figured up 120,500, compared with 73,300 a year ago. These figures stimulated a good deal of bearish sentiment in provisions. Buying by shorts was insufficient evidence to hold prices steady at a small decline. May pork closed 12½c low at $11 62½. May lard and ribs were each off 7½@10c at $6 32½ and $6 20.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow—Wheat, 25 cars; corn, 135 cars; oats, 160 cars; hogs, 40,000 head.

The leading futures, reported by John D. Armstrong & Co., members of the Chicago board of trade, Farmers Bank Building, are as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yesterday's Close.
WHEAT No. 2.					
Dec. n.	78¾	78¾	77¾	78¾	78½
May	81	81¼	80⅝	81¼	81
July	76	76⅝	75⅝	76⅝	75⅝
CORN, No. 2.					
Dec.	41¾	42⅛	41¾	42⅛	41⅞
May	43½	43⅞	43⅛	43⅞	43⅝
July	43¼	43⅝	43	43½	43⅛
OATS, No. 2.					
Dec.	35	35⅜	35	35⅛	34⅞
May	36⅞	37	36⅝	37	36⅝
July	33⅞	34	33⅞	34	33⅝
MESS PORK.					
Jan.	11 25	11 35	11 20	11 25	11 40
May	11 55	11 65	11 55	11 62½	11 65
LARD.					
Jan.	6 25	6 25	6 22½	6 22½	6 45
May	6 30	6 35	6 30	6 32½	6 52½
SHORT RIBS.					
Jan.	6 02½	6 02½	6 00	6 02½	6 10
May	6 20	6 22½	6 17½	6 20	6 20

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour was dull and prices off 5@10c. No. 3 spring wheat, 74@79c; No. 2 red, 80½@84¼c. No. 2 corn, 42½c; No. 2 yellow, 44c. No. 2 oats, 35⅛@35¼c; No. 3 white, 36@37½c. No. 2 rye, 52c. Good feeding barley, 38c; fair to choice malting, 41@50c; No. 1 flaxseed, 98c; No. 1 northwestern, $1 00; prime timothy seed, $2 95. Mess pork, per bbl., $11 25@11 30; lard, per 100 lbs., $6 22½@6 25; short ribs sides (loose), $6 00@6 25; short clear sides (boxed), $6 25@6 37½. Whisky, basis of high wines, $1 27. Clover, contract grade, $11 00.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, barrels	41,000	38,000
Wheat, bushels	170,300	45,300
Corn, bushels	190,300	38,300
Oats, bushels	234,300	122,900
Rye, bushels	4,000	2,000
Barley, bushels	80,300	24,900

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Flour—Receipts, 23,410 barrels; exports, 23,400 barrels; fairly active and closed steadier with wheat. Rye flour firm. Buckwheat flour steady. Cornmeal steady. Rye steady. Barley dull.

Grain—Wheat—Receipts, 22,400 bushels; spot firm; No. 2 red, 89½c elevator; No. 2 red, 91c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 90c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Manitoba, nominal f. o. b. afloat; options opened steadier on easier cables, but sagged off under liberal southwest receipts and selling by St. Louis, later they rallied and wound up the session rather strong, influenced by a scare of shorts, bullish news from the northwest, and big flour clearances; the close was firm and ⅛@¼c net higher; May, 86¾@87 1-16c; closed 86⅞c; July, 83⅜@83⅝c, closed 83¼c; December, [illegible]c; closed 89c. Corn—Receipts, 40,500 bushels; exports, 24,320 bushels; spot firm; No. 2, 53c elevator and 52½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 54c; No. 2 white, 53c; option market was again very firm all day on light farm offerings, very light receipts, steady cables and good bull support, closing ¼c net higher on May; May, 49⅛@49⅝c; closed 49½c; December, 52@52½c; closed 52c. Oats—Receipts, 52,500 bushels; exports, 16,850 bushels; spot market steady; No. 2 oats, 41½c; standard white, 43c; No. 3 oats, 39½c; No. 2 white, 43½c; No. 3 white, 41¾c; track white, 41@45c.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 16.—Wheat, December, 78c; May, 81¼c; July, 80⅝c; on track, No. 1 hard, 81⅝c; No. 1 northern, 80⅝c; No. 2 northern, 78⅝c; No. 3 northern, 75@76½c.

DULUTH, MINN., Dec. 16.—Wheat, to arrive, No. 1 hard, 80¾c; No. 1 northern, 79¼c; No. 2 northern, 76¾c; December, 79¼c; May, 80⅝c.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 16.—Wheat irregular; No. 1 northern, 84@85c; No. 2 northern, 81@82½c; May, 81¾@81⅞c. Rye steady; No. 1, 56½@57c. Barley steady; No. 2, 62c; sample, 39@56c. Corn quiet; No. 3, 40@40½c; May, 43⅜@43⅝c.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—Wheat, December, 91c; May, 81¾c; July, 75¾c; No. 2 hard, 73@74½c. Corn, No. 2 cash, 42½c; December, 42¾c; May, 41@41⅛c; July, 41⅛c. Oats, No. 2 cash, 36½c; December, 36⅛c; May, 37⅛c; No. 2 white, 39c.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 16.—Cloverseed, cash and December, $6 87½; January, $6 90 bid; February, $6 95; March, $6 97½ bid; prime alsike, $6 65; prime timothy, $1 45.

Few Oil Wells That Amounted to Anything Were Drilled In

Few wells were drilled in or completed in the lower southwest fields during the last 24 hours. Neither gushers or producers above the most ordinary kind had any part in the discoveries. The wells completed or near that point are very generally distributed over the lower southwest fields. In the Pine Grove district in Wetzel county the South Penn Oil Company put the finishing touches on its No. 13 on the J. R. Steeve farm by giving it a shot that made it produce 80 barrels the ensuing 24 hours.

In the old Fairview district in Marion county the Fisher Oil Company has completed its No. [illegible] on the C. M. Toothman farm and has a 10-barrel pumper in the fifth sand. In the same district E. H. Jennings & Bros. are drilling their No. 4 on the A. Darrah farm through the fifth sand and will have a better producer than was first indicated when drilled in.

South of the Showalter producer, northeast of the Pine Grove extension, the South Penn Oil Company is drilling on top of the Gordon at its test on the Peter White farm. On the west side of the extension the South Penn Oil Company has drilled its No. 6 on the Lida Lemasters farm into the stray and has shut down to put in a liner. On the same side of the extension the South Penn has drilled its test on the Dulaney-Clark farm into the sand and has shut down to move back the boiler.

In the north end of the Folsom district in Wetzel county the South Penn company has drilled its No. 3 on the Wesley Robinson farm to the top of the Gordon, and the same company's test on the Mary Bennett farm has been drilled 20 feet into the stray, but has not found a pay streak.

In the Salem district in Harrison county the South Penn has drilled its second test on the John Irons farm into the stray and has developed a strong gas pressure. They are now moving back the boiler and will then drill deeper. In the same district the Southern Oil Company is drilling a second test on the T. B. Pepper farm and has the rig completed for a third test on the L. G. Suttler farm.

On the Wallace side of the Folsom district in Harrison county the South Penn Oil Company's No. 6 on the G. W. Talkington farm is holding up at 220 barrels a day, and E. S. Easton's No. 4 on the B. F. Rogers farm is still producing 100 barrels a day. In the Fallen Timber Run district in Wetzel county A. W. Mellon & Co.'s No. 7 on the Dennis B. Ice farm is producing 50 barrels a day and has not been shot. On the same farm No. 3 is still producing 100 barrels a day.

Down in the Yellow Creek district in Calhoun county the Lowther Oil Company has drilled in its test on the Robert Taylor farm and has a 20-barrel producer in the Berea grit. In the same district Upham, Ralston & Co. have completed No. 5 on the Robert R. Ferrell farm and have a 38-barrel producer in the same formation.

In the new Big Injun sand development, on the Ohio side, in Washington county, the Hart Oil Company has completed No. 3 on the J. I. Holdren farm and will not have better than a five-barrel producer in the Maxon sand. In the Benwood district Murphy, Riley & Murphy have drilled their test on the Edward Beck farm, located in Switzerland township, Monroe county, through the Berea grit, and at a depth of 1,987 feet have a duster.

In the Lewisville district Roye Bros. & McCandlish have completed a test on the school lot and have a 10-barrel pumper in the Big Injun formation. In the same district the Pure [illegible] Company's No. 3 on the Justice Claus farm [illegible] ding up at 80 barrels a day. There are [illegible] wells in this district producing 50 or [illegible] rrels a day.

[illegible] Joy district in Morgan county the [illegible] nd Oil Company has drilled its No. 8 [illegible] M. Lovell farm through the first and [illegible] Run sands and has a duster.

[illegible] Run district in Harrison county [illegible] onsolidated Oil Company has com[illegible] No. 8 on the T. T. Rainsberg farm [illegible] show for a 10-barrel pumper in the [illegible] In the same district, Renner, [illegible] ilcox have completed a second test [illegible] Huff farm and have a five-barrel [illegible] he Chicago-Ferndale Oil Company [illegible] ted a test on the Lida Heller farm [illegible] ve a light pumper.

[illegible] Fleming Park, near McKees Rocks, [illegible] unty, the Pressed Steel Car Com[illegible] pleted its second well on its own [illegible] s a small gasser. On Moon run [illegible] division of the South Penn Oil [illegible] drilled its No. 4 on the J. Mc[illegible] hrough the fourth sand and found [illegible] d is now drilling to the fifth sand.

[illegible] ocksville district in Beaver county [illegible] mpany has completed its No. 3 on [illegible] E. Inglefield farm and has a very [illegible] for a producer. A shot may make [illegible] a producer.

[illegible] Morris district in Greene county [illegible] Gas Company has completed its [illegible] John Moore and Thomas Tharp [illegible] s two very good producers. In [illegible] district the South Penn Oil Com[illegible] leted a second test on the J. J. [illegible] has a duster in all sands.

[illegible] rginia and Pittsburgh Oil and Gas Company, in Rahey No. 1, got a small paying well in the Big Injun, but the company decided drilling to the fifth sand. It reports also a good showing of gas in the squaw sand, which lay immediately under the Big Injun. It expects to strike the Big Injun sand at the Brummage No. 1 tomorrow.

Shipments and Runs.

Shipments and runs of the Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana fields:

PENNSYLVANIA OIL.

SHIPMENTS.		RUNS.	
December 15	78,872	December 14	64,998
Previously	1,050,983	Previously	916,633
Total	1,169,855	Total	981,631
Daily average	77,990	Daily average	80,117

LIMA OIL.

SHIPMENTS.		RUNS.	
December 15	58,601	December 14	51,413
Previously	945,274	Previously	698,237
Total	1,003,875	Total	749,650
Daily average	66,925	Daily average	53,332

The Oil Market.

OIL CITY, Dec. 16.—Credit balances, $1 90; certificates, no bid; shipments, 78,872 barrels; average, 77,991 barrels; runs, 64,990 barrels; average, 70,115 barrels; shipments, Lima, 58,601 barrels; average, 66,925 barrels; runs, Lima, 51,413 barrels; average, 53,547 barrels.

TOLEDO, Dec. 16.—North Lima, $1 38; South Lima and Indiana, $1 33.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS

PITTSBURGH UNION STOCK YARDS.
Wednesday, December 16, 1903.

Cattle—The supply was light and the market steady. Choice, 1,400 to 1,600 lbs., $5 00@5 10; prime, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs., $4 70@4 85; good, 1,200 to 1,300 lbs., $4 40@4 65; tidy, 1,050 to 1,150 lbs., $4 00@4 25; green, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., $3 25@3 75; fair, 900 to 1,100 lbs., $3 00@3 60; common, 700 to 900 lbs., $2 50@3 00; common to good fat bulls, $2 25@3 50; common to good fat cows, $1 35@3 50; heifers, 700 to 1,100 lbs., $3 33@3 85; good fresh cows and springers, $40 00@60 00; common to fair, $15 00@35 00.

Sheep and Lambs—Supply light. Market strong on sheep and higher on lambs. Prime wethers, 95 to 100 lbs., $4 10@4 25; good mixed, 85 to 90 lbs., $3 70@4 00; fair mixed, 75 to 80 lbs., $3 00@3 50; culls and common, $1 50@2 25; choice lambs, $6 15@6 35; fair to good, $5 50@6 00; common, $4 00@4 50; veal calves, $6 50@7 00; heavy and thin, $3 00@4 00.

Hogs—Receipts, 15 double-decks. Market active at a decline of 10 cents. Prime heavy, $4 70@4 75; medium, $4 70@4 75; Yorkers, $4 70@4 75; pigs, $4 70@4 75; roughs, $3 00@4 25.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS TO THE GAZETTE.]

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 11,000 head, including 200 head southerns; market 5@15c lower, export and dressed beef steers, 10@15c lower at $4 00@5 00; fair to good, $3 40@3 90; western fed steers, $3 20@3 95; stockers and feeders, 5c lower at $2 50@4 00; southern steers weak at $2 40@3 65; southern cows, $1 85@2 65; native cows weak at $1 30@4 00; native heifers, $2 50@4 10; bulls, $2 10@3 00; calves, $2 50@5 75. Hogs—Receipts, 10,500 head; market 10@15c lower; tops, $4 45; bulk of sales, $4 10@4 38⅓; heavy, $4 37½@4 45; packers, $4 30@4 35; pigs and lights, $4 25@4 35. Sheep—Receipts, 5,000 head; market steady to 10c lower; native lambs, $4 50@5 45; western lambs, $4 30@5 15; fed ewes, $3 00@4 00; western fed yearlings, $4 00@4 25; stockers and feeders, $2 00@2 65.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Beeves—Receipts, 2,781 head; steers steady to strong; some sales of good cattle, 10c higher; bulls and cows strong; native steers, $4 15@5 10; tops, $5 20; oxen and stags, $3 00@4 65; bulls, $2 50@3 45; cows, $1 25@3 40; cables quoted live cattle selling at 10½@12c a pound; Christmas steers at 12¾c a pound, dressed weight; sheep steady; refrigerator beef, 8¾c a pound; exports today, 408 head cattle and 4,200 quarters of beef; tomorrow, 30 head sheep. Calves—Receipts, 1,155 head; veals 25c higher; barnyard calves higher; veals, $4 50@9 00; little calves, $3 00@4 00; barnyard stock, $2 50@3 50; city dressed veals, 8@13c a pound; country dressed, 6@11c. Sheep and lambs—receipts, 5,853 head; sheep steady to strong; lambs 25c higher; sheep, $2 50@4 00; culls, $2 00; lambs, $5 50@6 75; culls, $4 00@5 25. Hogs—Receipts, 5,154 head; nominally lower; no sales reported.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 24,000 head; dull and weak; good prime steers, $4 90@6 00; poor to medium, $3 00@4 50; stockers and feeders, $1 75@3 90; cows, $1 25@3 90; heifers, $1 75@5 00; canners, $1 25@3 25; bulls, $1 75@4 25; calves, $2 00@5 35. Hogs—Receipts today, 50,000 head; tomorrow, 40,000 head; 15c lower; closed steady; mixed and butchers', $4 30@4 55; good to choice, $4 40@4 50; rough, $4 20@4 35; light, $4 15@4 45; bulk of sales, $4 35@4 45. Sheep—Receipts, 25,000 head; sheep steady; lambs steady; sheep, 5@10c higher; good to choice wethers, $3 50@4 90; fair to choice mixed, $2 50@3 40; native lambs, $4 00@6 25.

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DAVIS RETURNS WITH WARSHIP

Armed Escort to Take American Consul Back to Alexandretta.

SULTAN LODGES COMPLAINT

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—As a result of Minister Leishman's advice respecting the Alexandretta affair the state department has requested the navy department to place a warship at the disposal of Consul Davis, now at Beirut, upon which he might return to Alexandretta at his pleasure.

The navy department accordingly cabled instructions to Admiral Cotton on board the flagship Brooklyn at Alexandria, Egypt, to place a vessel at the disposal of Mr. Davis. It is believed the Brooklyn will be selected. It is left to the consul to arrange the terms of his reception.

Acting Secretary of State Adee has taken a firm stand in the matter of the assault upon Consul W. R. Davis, by Turkish officials and police at Alexandretta. He has cabled Minister Leishman to present the facts to the Turkish government and inform that government that the case is one seeming to invite an expression of regret and reparation.

The information that has reached the department is to the effect that Mr. Davis was acting entirely within his rights and powers and that while engaged in protecting, as was his duty, a naturalized American citizen, he was set upon by five Turkish policemen and dragged along the ground. Upon recovering his footing the consul promptly and soundly thrashed all five of the policemen.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 16.—The porte has complained to the United States legation that the actions of officials at the American consulate in Alexandretta are preventing the embarkation of Attarian, the naturalized American, whose recent arrest caused Consul Davis to leave Alexandretta, for whom the porte instructed the local authorities to obtain a passage on an Italian steamer at the cost of the government.

It was the opinion of the porte that the embarkation of Attarian would remove the principal cause of complaint. The legation has not yet presented any demands for reparation.

The United States flagship Brooklyn left Beirut December 14. It was said she was going to Egyptian waters for gun practice.

CHAMBERLAIN TO SOON PRESENT TARIFF BILL

Committee to Inquire Into Industrial Conditions at Home and Abroad.

[Associated Press Cable to The Gazette.]

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Now that London has given, by the election to parliament from the Lewisham and Dulwich districts of two supporters of Joseph Chamberlain's fiscal policy, such proofs of its enthusiastic approval of preferential and retaliatory tariffs the movement may be expected to attain a greatly increased impetus throughout the country. Indeed, Mr. Chamberlain's plans already are in a much more forward condition than generally known.

He has been engaged in getting together a committee to make inquiries among the various branches of trade at home and abroad, whose work he expects will result in clearing away many difficulties. The committee will consist of about 30 men of business training and the highest standing, and will begin work in the near future. Men from all the centers of industry, both in the United Kingdom and in the colonies will participate in this inquiry.

When the reports are completed Mr. Chamberlain expects to be in a position to formulate a tariff bill acceptable to the country, and which will not only foster imperial trade, but which will enable Great Britain to give trade advantages to those who are prepared to render her similar favors.

LEEDS, Dec. 16.—Joseph Chamberlain addressed two immense audiences here tonight, making the last speeches of his fiscal campaign for the present year. From the moment of Mr. Chamberlain's arrival in Leeds today the enthusiasm was tremendous and many demonstrations were made in the streets.

The first speech was made in the coliseum and was listened to by 3,500 persons, and a similar number attended the overflow meeting held afterward in the town hall, which was altogether inadequate to accommodate the great crowd seeking admission.

SOLDIERS INDICTED.

Grand Jury Returns True Bills Against Lieut. Drury and Private Dowd.

Among the true bills returned by the grand jury yesterday was one against Lieut. Ralph W. Drury and Private John Dowd, U. S. A., charging murder. The charge is made against the men by Coroner Jesse M. McGeary, who claims they murdered William H. Crowley at Fortieth street and the Allegheny Valley railroad on September 10. The shooting was done by Dowd, but it is claimed he shot at the command of the lieutenant. Crowley was shot at 9:30 in the morning and died at the West Penn hospital at 6:47 in the evening of the same day. The bullet struck him in the thigh and severed an artery. The shooting followed a great deal of stealing which had been done at the arsenal. The old buildings are out of commission as an ordnance department store house, and boys and men had been in the habit of stealing copper from the roofs of the houses. The day of the shooting three men were seen on the rear walls of the arsenal grounds throwing copper over in sheets and the soldiers discovered them and gave chase. Crowley was seen running, but when pursued by the soldier refused to stop, and the shot was fired which caused his death. Dowd was tried in the military court and was acquitted. The county authorities were then allowed to take charge of the case.

Crowley was 18 years old, single and a steel worker. He resided at Steel Works station, on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad.

The other true bills returned were as follows: Assault and battery, Joseph Dobowski, Charles Kramer, Mike Lassie et al. (3), John Moriarty, Stan Simbox, Annie Simbox; illegal liquor selling, John Parker et al (2), James Warden, M. F. Wallace, M. T. Wallace et al. (2), John A. Kyle; larceny, Charles Allen, Gustave Schinski, William Mertz; misdemeanor, Sire Bonoldi, John Glannon, Ludwig Kampmak, Daniel Morris, John Towers; embezzlement, L. F. Daume; larceny by bailee, Frank Kelc, John Ruffalo; aggravated assault and battery, Albert Lafferty; pointing firearms, Michael J. Lennard; larceny from the person, John Paster; keeping a disorderly house, Sam Scott.

THE CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

The Sunday Gazette's Home Journal Section Has Delightful Contributions for Next Week.

One of the many distinctive and unrivaled features of The Sunday Gazette is its Home Journal section, which is really a high-class weekly magazine for women.

It is worth noting, too, that this magazine section is not the cheap, ready-made product of a syndicate, but is original with The Gazette and is filled with original, exclusive matter of the highest class.

Among the contributions that will appear in this section in the next issue of The Sunday Gazette are the following: "The Coming of the Magi," an illustrated poem by E. M. Foss; "The Susceptible Mr. Biggs," a charming love story by Catherine M. Callerson; "Miss Emmaline's Best Christmas," a story of home life by Salle Carroll; "The Women of the Diplomatic Circle," by Roberta V. Bradshaw; editorial "Christmas the Best Time of the Year," Sophie Gates Kerr; Mistress Pepys on "Benevolent Institutions." Fashions, by Catherine Howard. Beatrix Lee's Counsel, where all questions are answered; Miss Ethel Barrymore, the popular young actress; many short stories and appropriate verse.

Butler Benefit.

Cecil Criswell Williams and a high class vaudeville company will give a benefit for the Butler fever epidemic on Tuesday, December 22. "Buster Brown" will appear in recitation and song. Little Glen Lewis in buck and wing dancing; Charlotte Tompkins, solo dancing; James Dunlevy, monologist; the Colonial Four in eleven songs. E. M. Bonnell autoharp soloist. Garneri's orchestra, and many more.

STATE FISHERIES AT THE GREAT FAIR

Pennsylvania to Compete With Federal Government at Exposition.

BIG PREPARATIONS MADE

The Pittsburgh Gazette Bureau,
Press Building,
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 16.

Henry F. Walton, chairman of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania commission to the St. Louis world's fair, was today advised that the department of fisheries, through the commissioner of fisheries, William E. Meehan, has about completed the preliminary preparations for its exhibition at the world's fair at St. Louis, for which $10,000 has been set aside by the Pennsylvania commissioners to the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

About 3,100 square feet of space has been secured at one end of the building fronting one of the main entrances. It is L-shaped and rests on each side of a 15-foot aisle. On this space it is proposed to exhibit first, about 30 species of the leading food and game fishes of Pennsylvania, together with a few species of smaller fish which are food for the food and game fishes; second, a collection of mounted specimens of indigenous and introduced fishes which have obtained an extraordinary growth; third, live specimen of mature sturgeon; fourth, mounted specimens of birds, mammals and reptiles which prey upon fish; fifth, colored paintings of Pennsylvania fishes and photographs and colored paintings of prominent fishing waters in the state; sixth, devices for catching fish, legal and illegal, including nets, traps and spears; seventh, the published works of the state on fish and fish culture; eighth, specimens of fish in preservatives; ninth, models of the hatcheries.

A plan of the proposed exhibit has been drawn by Philip H. Johnson of this city, the architect of the Pennsylvania building, and accepted by the officials of the exposition. Under the plan about 28 or 30 aquariums will be placed close together on stands on both sides of a long aisle. The aquaria and the aisle will be arched by an arbor-like contrivance to darken the footway and enable the visitors to observe the live fishes more clearly. Over the front of the archway will be the words, "Pennsylvania Department of Fisheries."

A case, 24 feet long, six feet wide and eight feet high, will be placed at one end of the foot of the L, and in it the birds, mammals and reptiles which prey upon fish will be mounted in natural positions. The other exhibits will be located at suitable points.

About 15,000 live fish have already been collected for the exhibit and are being held in ponds in the various hatcheries of the state. The department of fisheries' fish car "Pennsylvania" has been put in complete repair in order that when the time arrives the fish may be speedily and safely conveyed to St. Louis for the opening, and when the car is not in use it will be tracked on the grounds as part of the exhibit.

Pennsylvania will have the federal government as her only real competitor in this line at St. Louis. The display will excel anything previously attempted by any state. CHESTER D. POTTER.

NICOLA MAKES REPLY.

Goes into History of Property Deal but Denies Owing Dilworth An Accounting.

Frank F. Nicola has filed an answer to the equity suit of H. P. Dilworth to recover one-tenth of the alleged profits made out of the option on the Schenley property at the Point which was sold to H. C. Frick and later transferred to the Pennsylvania railroad for $2,850,000. Dilworth claims he advanced Nicola $10,000 hand money and demands an accounting.

Nicola denies many of Dilworth's statements. He admits that his agreement with Mrs. Schenley was for $2,000,000. He avers that Dilworth got his $10,000 back and is not entitled to an accounting. He says he is under no obligation to account to Dilworth and that he is willing to pay him the present value of his interests. The defendant agrees to submit the amount of the present value to William McConway, John B. Jackson and John Bindley, the referees named in the contract with H. C. Frick, and to abide by the decision without exception or appeal. He goes into a history of the transaction, alleging that Dilworth came to him and requested him to take him into some deal or investment. He says he did this; that Dilworth went back on certain parts of the agreement and compelled him to spend thousands of dollars unnecessarily to refund him his $10,000 and take upon himself his share of the expenses. Nicola alleges he negotiated with H. C. Frick, unaided by the plaintiff, and accomplished his purpose of saving the hand money and other burdens. He says he offered to pay Dilworth a fair amount, but that he demanded $40,000, free of all expenses, attorney's fees, etc., and without future restrictions. This Nicola says, he refused to agree to.

CAPE MAY AS A WINTER RESORT.

Parlor Car Service Via Pennsylvania Railroad

Cape May is growing rapidly in favor as an all-the-year-around resort. Several good hotels remain open all winter—the Windsor and Aldine, which have fine sun parlors; the Chalfonte and the Ebbitt. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company offers daily parlor car service between Philadelphia and Cape May on trains leaving Philadelphia, Market street wharf, 4:08 p. m. week days; 9:00 a. m. Sundays, and on trains leaving Cape May 7:30 a. m. week days and 4:45 p. m. Sundays.

FULTON ESTATE IS DISTRIBUTED

Court Decides Daughter Sold Property Legally Through a Trustee.

WIFE WOULD READ NOVELS

Judge Over distributed the $100,674.25 estate of Andrew Fulton, who died in 1867, the amount being the proceeds of a sale of property left to the decedent's daughters, Margaret M. and Jane, for life, with the stipulation that if either sold or encumbered her property she forfeited her right in the devise. The property was subsequently sold by a trustee appointed by the court on petition of Margaret M. Fulton, and the court was asked to determine if she had forfeited her interest. The daughter, Jane, died in 1888 and left her one-half interest in the property to her son, who in turn died and bequeathed it to his aunt, Margaret M. Fulton. The court said the sale was the act of the law, and therefore no breach was committed.

William A. Arbogast and B. O. Barker, who will be tried today for selling liquor on Sunday and without a license, are being prosecuted by M. H. Campbell, superintendent of police of Allegheny. The men ran the Alexander Hamilton club in the Diamond, and are alleged to have conducted the place in the nature of a speakeasy.

Ernest D. Hathaway entered a $20,000 damage suit against the Audit Company of Pittsburgh. He alleged he engaged the defendant company to audit the accounts of the Hathaway Furniture Company and furnish him with a statement of the company's standing. On the strength of the Audit company's figures he purchased stock from the furniture company and other stockholders for $22,200. He charges negligence in that discrepancies exist between the figures given by the company and the actual condition. He said accounts receivable were given as $10,209.93 when they were actually only $4,982.

Fred Kaiser charges Kate E. Kaiser with desertion after six weeks of courtship and three weeks of married life. He says she preferred reading novels to washing dishes. He met her seven months after she left, when she told him he was not speedy enough for her. He asks a divorce.

LEGAL BRIEFS.

Annie Moller filed the will of John Moller, as executor. Attorney George N. Monro, Jr., represents the estate.

Letters were taken out by George E. Geyer on the estate of Mary Geyer. Attorney J. H. Harrison has charge of the estate.

Mary A. Little took out letters of administration on the estate of John A. Armstrong. Attorney George R. Wallace represents the estate.

The will of Henry John Bailey was filed. He leaves an estate of unstated value to his widow, Catherine Graydon Bailey. Attorney H. O. Evans represents the estate.

Bishop Phelan asked permission to borrow $12,000 of St. Mary's Polish Roman Catholic church property at McKeesport, to be used for church purposes, which was granted.

Albert Jones, colored, pleaded guilty to entering Thomas W. Bakewell's residence in Allegheny and stealing $308. He will serve six years and six months in the penitentiary.

The test damage suit resulting from the Panhandle railroad wreck at New Cumberland Junction, W. Va., was filed by Attorney C. F. Patterson for Stephen Gorgoran, a native of Hungary, who alleges injuries.

J. J. Shuklansky, a New Castle merchant, filed his second petition in bankruptcy in four years, giving $7,250.94 liabilities and $3,625 assets. He will have to wait two more years before he can be discharged under the law.

John D. Biggert and wife petitioned for the partition of John Biggert's estate. He died in 1850. The property is in Crafton and Chartiers townships and is known as Biggert manor, and lots in Homestead, the whole valued at $150,000.

A hearing was held in the matter of admitting to probate the will of the late Mary E. Moorhead. S. F. Dickey and Misses Flora B. Sweet and Mary L. Stery were examined on the condition of Miss Moorhead prior to her death.

Morris Gross, through Attorney J. A. Wakefield, entered suit against M. F. Connelly and M. J. Hughes to recover $679 he claims to have lost in an alleged gambling house conducted by the defendants at 409 Penn avenue. Gross says that between December 7 and 12 he lost $270, a $250 diamond and a diamond stud valued at $175 while playing faro.

The following executions were issued yesterday: D. M. Donehoo vs. George W. Sherman, $3,282; Henry Whitly, use, vs. Charles A. Knapp, executor, $2,128.25; Fifth Avenue Traction Building and Loan association vs. August Hemmerling et ux., $1,535.67; Pennsylvania Savings Fund and Loan association vs. Harvey S. Nesly, $8,682; Katherine E. Eberle, executrix, vs. George O. West, $6,497.

Four petitions in bankruptcy were entered: William H. Ritter, Jr., of Butler, Pa., of the Ritter Grocery Company, liabilities $4,735, assets, $4,231.95; Nathan Bach, a clerk of Pittsburgh, liabilities, $6,341.91, and assets, $50; William D. Shelley, merchant, of Bullion, Venango township, liabilities, $7,134.74, and assets, $4,583.12, and David Guy Jones, mechanical draughtsman of Pittsburgh, liabilities, $1,227.34, and assets, $145.

BISHOP TIKHON IS HOMEWARD BOUND

MOSCOW, Dec. 16.—Mgr. Tikhon, orthodox bishop of North America, is returning to America in connection with the negotiations commenced by Mgr. Grafton, Anglican bishop of Fond du Lac, Wis., looking into bringing about more friendly relations between the Greek and Anglican churches. The abbot of the monastery of the Innocents of Moscow, the richest establishment of its kind here, has been appointed coadjutor to Bishop Tikhon.

CABINET OF GREECE FORCED TO RESIGN

ATHENS, Dec. 16.—The Ralli cabinet has resigned, the premier being unable to find sufficient support in the chamber of deputies to carry out his policy. Former Premier Theotokis, who has been entrusted with the task of forming a new cabinet, has asked for a respite of 24 hours.

GUARDING RIGHTS OF FUTURE HEIRS

Contestants in Plant Will Case Meet Stumbling Block in Connecticut Courts.

GUARDIANS ARE NAMED

[By Associated Press to The Gazette.]

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Dec. 16.—In order to guard the rights of the possible issue of an 8-year-old boy, Judge Cleveland today reserved his decision on the petition of parties interested in the estate of the late millionaire, Henry B. Plant, asking the court to declare New York instead of New Haven to have been the place of Mr. Plant's legal residence at the time of his death in New York in 1899.

By the terms of Mr. Plant's will the major portion of his estate, which amounted at his death to $17,000,000, was to be kept intact for several decades and going in full to the children of the infant grandson, Henry B. Plant, its value by that time being estimated at $80,000,000.

It is said that one of the results of the granting of the petition and the transfer of administration to New York, would be the vitiating of the provision bequeathing the estate to the issue of the grandson, the laws of New York discountenancing such bequests in perpetuity, while the Connecticut laws sanction them, and that the distribution of the estate might be permitted. Mrs. Margaret E. Plant, the widow, who is an executor of the will, did not appear as a signer of the petition to the probate court.

Judge Cleveland appointed Lucius F. Robinson of New Haven counsel for the grandson, Henry Bradley Plant, as his guardian ad litem. He also appointed William H. Ely of this city as guardian ad litem for the three children of the Hoadley's, the contestants.

SQUADRON AT HONOLULU.

Northern Asiatic Fleet, Rear Admiral Evans in Command, Reaches Port.

HONOLULU, Dec. 16.—The Cincinnati, Raleigh, Albany and Pompeii of the United States Northern Asiatic squadron, under command of Rear Admiral Cooper, arrived here today from Yokohama via Midway island.

Later in the day Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet, arrived on the flagship Kentucky, accompanied by the battleships Wisconsin and Oregon.

Mayor Collins Re-Elected.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—The city election returns, completed today, show that Mayor Patrick A. Collins, the Democratic nominee, was re-elected by a plurality of 26,495 over George N. Swallow, Republican.

ATTENTION

To physical warnings will often prevent a serious illness. When there are oppressive fullness after eating, bitter risings, belching, headache, dizziness, nervousness, with physical and mental sluggishness, prompt attention should be given to the condition of the digestive and nutritive systems. Not all these symptoms will occur at once or in any single case, but any one of them indicates a disordered condition of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition.

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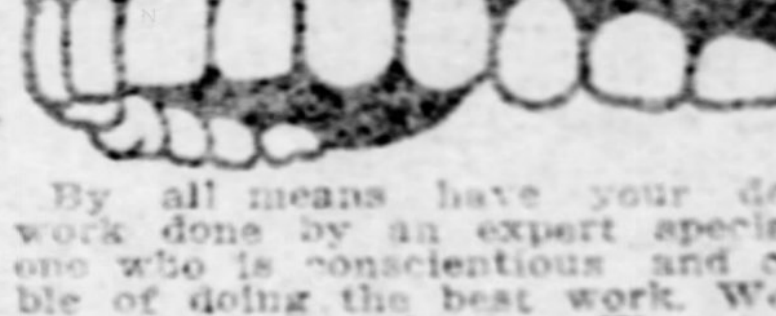

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Cleveland "Flyer"	* 7.00 am	* 6.10 pm
Youngst'n and Clev. Mail	* 8.25 am	* 5.10 pm
Buffalo and Erie Express	† 8.25 am	† 7.15 pm
Lake Chaut'qua Fast Line	*12.50 pm	* 6.30 pm
Buffalo and Erie Express	† 3.00 pm	* 3.45 pm
Cleveland and Chicago Ex.	* 3.30 pm	*12.30 pm
Boston Special	† 5.00 pm	* 6.30 am
Clev. and Detroit "Flyer"	‡ 6.00 pm	‡11.15 am
Chicago Limited	† 6.00 pm	* 9.25 am
Buffalo and Cleveland Ex.	*10.30 pm	* 6.35 am
Youngstown Accom.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beaver Falls Accom.	† 6.40 am	† 5.10 pm
Beaver Falls Accom.	† 9.00 am	[illegible]
West Pittsburgh Accom.	†12.10 pm	† 4.15 pm
Beaver Falls Accom.	† 3.20 pm	†12.30 pm
New Castle Express	† 4.20 pm	† 7.10 am
Beaver Valley Express	† 5.25 pm	† 6.20 am
Brownsville Accom.	† 6.30 am	† 8.45 am
Brownsville & N. Hav. Ex.	* 8.00 am	* 9.00 am
M'Keesp't & Brownsville	†11.30 am	†12.40 pm
Brownsville & N. Haven	† 3.30 pm	4.30 pm
Brownsville & N. Haven	* 5.20 pm	[illegible]

P., C. & Y. trains for Carnegie, Woodlawn and Beechmont, †5:30 a. m., †10:15 a. m.

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Manhattan Limited, daily, for Philadelphia and New York	[illegible]
Pennsylvania Limited, daily	7.15 a. m.
New York Limited, daily	[illegible]
Day Express, daily	7.30 a. m.
Main Line Express, daily	8.00 a. m.
Philadelphia and New York Express, daily	12.00 p. m.
Harrisburg Mail, daily	12.45 p. m.
Harrisburg Express, daily	4.30 p. m.
Philadelphia Express, daily	4.55 p. m.
Eastern Express, daily	7.30 p. m.
Fast Line, daily	9.00 p. m.
New York Special, daily, for New York only	10.00 p. m.
Philadelphia Special, daily. Sleeping cars to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. No coaches	10.05 p. m.

For Buffalo and Niagara Falls, 9:00 a. m. and 11:00 p. m. daily.

For Oil City, [illegible] week-days. Sundays, [illegible]

For Titusville and Corry, [illegible] week-days. Sundays, [illegible] For Titusville daily, [illegible] week-days.

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[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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